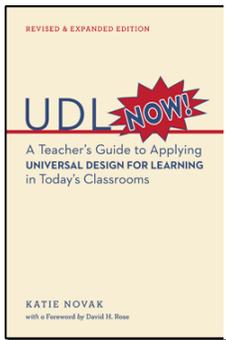


Universal Design for Learning



UDL Now!

A Teacher's Guide to Applying Universal Design for Learning in Today's Classrooms by Katie Novak

In this revised and expanded edition of the bestseller UDL Now! Katie Novak provides practical insights and savvy

strategies for helping all learners meet high standards using the Universal Design for Learning (UDL) framework. Novak shows how to use the UDL Guidelines to plan lessons, choose materials, assess learning, and improve instructional practice.

<http://castpublishing.org/books-media/udl-now-ii/>

21st Century Learning

8 Strategies to Manage the 21st Century Classroom

So how do we manage the advancing 21st-century classroom environment? Here are eight real-world strategies to slay the daunting, technology classroom dragon.

1. Start with your classroom set up
2. Make digital citizenship a priority
3. Teach mini-lessons *before* using devices
4. Use the power of choice
5. Remember that sharing is caring
6. Conduct teacher check-ins
7. Build in breaks from devices
8. Software tools are your friend

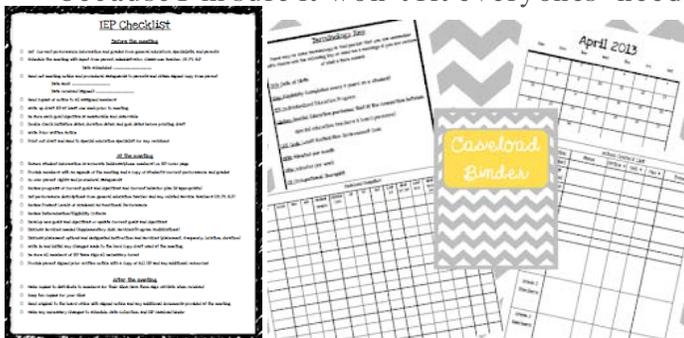
<https://education.cu-portland.edu/blog/classroom-resources/using-classroom-technology/>

Individual Educational Plan Connections



IEP Checklist FREEBIE & Caseload Binder

If you want a free copy, click here to download from my TPT store! I included both an editable form for publisher and a non-editable PDF in the download because I'm sure it won't fit everyone's needs!



<https://teachingspecialthinkers.com/iep-checklist-freebie/>

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

t.ly/8LW2j

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Professional Development Current Trends in Special Education by Liberty University

This course material is only available in the iTunes U app on iPhone or iPad

This course is designed to expose teacher candidates to a variety of special education related topics including legal/ethical issues, documentation procedures, development of Individual Education Plan (IEP) and IFSP (Individualized Family Service Plans) as well as models of service delivery and collaboration that can be used in school, church and community settings.

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/course/current-trends-in-special/id537318761/>



1 BE PATIENT WITH STUDENTS

Things don't always come naturally or easily to special needs students. They can take a lot longer to learn things, so teachers need to be willing to work at the students' pace.

2 BE FLEXIBLE AND ADAPTABLE

Use the opportunities that become available. Plans may need to change very quickly in a special needs environment.

3 CARE FOR STUDENTS BASIC NEEDS

If children are uncomfortable, hungry or thirsty, they will be focused on those needs. Help them with these basic needs first so they can learn.

4 PERSONALIZE YOUR TEACHING TO THE STUDENT

Strategies that may work for one student may not work for another. Teachers need to figure out what each child needs in order to thrive.

5 KEEP CALM AND TRY NOT TO GET EMOTIONAL

Recognize that special education is hard, but stay calm with the students and try not to react emotionally. Do what is best for your students.

6 FIND THE JOY!

Find Daily Joys in teaching special education. Small gains are important. Celebrate those and enjoy the little moments!

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Five Ways to Help Students with Special Needs

1. Maintain an organized classroom and limit distractions.
2. Use music and voice inflection.
3. Break down instructions into smaller, manageable tasks.
4. Use multi-sensory strategies.
5. Give **students with special needs** opportunities for success.

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