

Connections

A Newsletter For Teachers Working With Autism
Educational Equity For All



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TEACHER'S CORNER

Learn about autism and how you can better support students on the spectrum in the classroom:

- The Basics
- IEPS
- Tips For Transitioning Back To School
- 6 Steps To Success: Asperger Syndrome
- 6 Steps To Success: Asd

<https://researchautism.org/education/teachers-corner/>

Curriculum Materials and Programs for Individuals on the Autism Spectrum



<https://t.ly/WMk8E>



Don't miss the next Sensory Friendly Film!



There are no films listed for Sept at this time.

Movie Showings for Guests & Families Living with Autism or Other Special Needs

AMC is proud to partner with the Autism Society to bring you unique movie showings where you can feel free to be you! We turn the lights up, and turn the sound down, so you can get up, dance, walk, shout or sing!

We are now expanding our Sensory Friendly Film program to four showings per month.

- The second and fourth Tuesday and Saturday.
- Family-friendly movies will continue to show Saturdays, starting at 10am local time
- We've added Tuesday showings at 7pm local time that may appeal to others on the autism spectrum.

Tickets are \$4-6 depending on location and can be purchased on the day of the event. To find a participating theater:

<https://www.amctheatres.com/programs/sensory-friendly-films>

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FEATURED IDEA OF THE MONTH

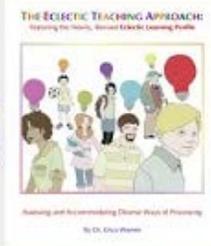
Even though most teachers use auditory ways of teaching, it is one of the least popular ways of learning!

HOW CAN I LEARN HOW TO BE A MULTISENSORY TEACHER?

CLICK HERE FOR FREE VIDEO

CLICK HERE FOR FREE PREZI

CLICK HERE TO LEARN ABOUT THE ECLECTIC TEACHING APPROACH



<https://t.ly/982IN>

SENSORY INTEGRATION & SENSORY PROCESSING DISORDER – SIGNS OF SPD IN CHILDREN

What is Sensory Integration?

Sensory integration is an essential part of everyday life, but it is easy to take for granted. To the average person, getting dressed in the morning or eating a meal is not difficult, but if the senses do not function correctly, even such mundane tasks can become trials.

For proper sensory integration to occur, the nervous system must properly receive signals from the senses and interpret them appropriately.

Eating a cheeseburger, for example, requires the integration of multiple senses. The eyes must see the location of the burger; the hands must reach out, pick up the burger, and bring it to the mouth; and the taste buds must register the flavor and the texture of the burger.

If even one of these senses fails to function properly, then enjoyment of the cheeseburger is hampered—if not outright impossible.

What is Sensory Processing Disorder (SPD)

When proper sensory integration fails to occur in multiple senses or in a highly concentrated manner with one sense, Sensory Processing Disorder may be the diagnosis. While SPD is not formally recognized as its own disorder, some medical professionals and people who have the disorder are trying to change that.

This disorder used to be referred to as Sensory Integration Dysfunction, but some experts felt that a name change might help more people—and, of course, insurance companies—take this problem more seriously.

Some experts have linked SPD with autism, ADHD, and other developmental disorders, although having one does not mean a person has the other.

<https://www.pregnancydiary.org/sensory-integration-and-sensory-processing-disorder/>

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<https://teachingautism.co.uk/>

<http://www.joannecafiero.com/>

<https://t.ly/bAXdE>



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



AUTISM RESEARCH INSTITUTE
Autism is Treatable

Self-Injurious Behavior:
Live Q&A
Wed, Sep 11, 2019 10:00
AM - 11:00 AM PDT

Have questions you would like to ask a behaviorist regarding self-injurious behavior in ASD? Join this live Q&A and ask your questions in real time.

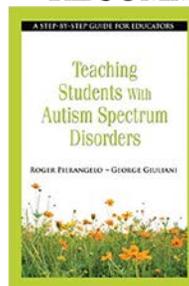
To review Dr. Moskowitz's previous talk on positive strategies for addressing anxiety and OCD, see:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EoFJrxQbe18>

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7804962854585536779>



RECOMMENDED READING & VIDEO



Teaching Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders addresses the most significant, everyday challenges that general and special education teachers face in reaching students with ASD.



The Visual Library Page consists of visual "tools" that support students with various disabilities, including ASD. These supports can be in the form of pictures, visual schedules, written words, "to do" lists, social narratives, maps, and even organizational systems. Visual supports can be used in the home, school as well as the community.

<https://www.earlywood.org/Page/546>



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Structured Teaching Strategies: A Series
Contributed by Kara Hume, Ph.D.

Article 1: Physical Structure in the School Setting

Article 2: Visual Schedules in the School Setting

Article 3: Work Systems in the School Setting

Article 4: Visual Structure in the School Setting

<https://t.ly/mnG6L>