# Proven Recommendations for Special Education: Transforming Education in 12 Schools









#### **Proven Recommendations for use in Special Education** in K-12 Schools (Special Education SMART Goal Series

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Special education is a vital part of our educational system, providing tailored support to students with disabilities to ensure their success. Extensive research and expert input have led to the development of proven recommendations that have the potential to transform the educational experience for students with disabilities. This comprehensive article delves into the transformative power of these recommendations, showcasing realworld case studies from 12 schools that have embraced these strategies.

#### The Power of Proven Recommendations

Proven recommendations in special education are evidence-based practices that have been rigorously tested and shown to improve outcomes for students with disabilities. These recommendations provide educators, parents, and policymakers with a roadmap for creating inclusive and equitable learning environments. By implementing these recommendations, schools can empower students with disabilities to reach their full academic, social, and emotional potential.

#### **Case Studies: Transforming Special Education**

To illustrate the transformative power of proven recommendations, we present case studies from 12 schools that have successfully implemented these strategies:

- School A: Implemented universal design for learning (UDL) principles, providing multiple means of representation, engagement, and assessment, resulting in increased student participation and improved academic outcomes.
- School B: Established a multi-tiered system of supports
   (MTSS),providing early intervention and targeted supports to students
   at risk of academic or behavioral difficulties, leading to a significant
   reduction in referrals for special education.
- 3. **School C:** Embraced positive behavior interventions and supports (PBIS),creating a school-wide system to address behavioral challenges, fostering a positive and supportive learning environment.
- 4. **School D:** Adopted a co-teaching model, where general and special education teachers work together to deliver instruction, promoting collaboration and benefiting all students.
- School E: Implemented assistive technology (AT) devices, providing students with tools to enhance their access and participation in the curriculum, empowering them to succeed in the mainstream classroom.

- School F: Developed individualized learning plans (ILPs) using evidence-based practices, tailoring instruction to meet the specific needs of each student, resulting in personalized and effective learning experiences.
- 7. **School G:** Established a strong parent-school partnership, involving parents in decision-making and providing support, leading to improved communication, collaboration, and student outcomes.
- 8. **School H:** Implemented culturally responsive practices, valuing the diversity of students and families, fostering a sense of belonging and empowering students to achieve their full potential.
- 9. **School I:** Adopted a trauma-informed approach, creating a safe and supportive environment for students who have experienced trauma, promoting resilience and academic success.
- 10. **School J:** Established a peer support program, encouraging students without disabilities to interact with and support their peers with disabilities, fostering inclusion and social growth.
- 11. **School K:** Implemented a transition planning process, preparing students with disabilities for post-secondary education and employment, ensuring a smooth transition to adulthood.
- 12. **School L:** Created a sensory room, providing a calm and regulated space for students with sensory sensitivities, reducing anxiety and enhancing learning.

The proven recommendations for special education hold immense promise for transforming the educational experience for students with disabilities. By embracing these evidence-based practices, as demonstrated by the case studies presented here, schools can create inclusive and equitable learning environments where all students have the opportunity to thrive. Educators, parents, and policymakers are encouraged to champion the implementation of these recommendations, empowering students with disabilities to reach their full potential and succeed in school and beyond.

#### Call to Action

Join the movement to transform special education! Advocate for the implementation of proven recommendations in your school or district. Share the success stories and empower others to create inclusive and equitable learning environments for all students with disabilities.



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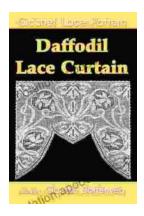
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