



The Power of Peer Tutoring

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Peer Tutoring and Access to the General Curriculum

- IDEA 97 means that we must show how all students will *participate* and *progress* in the general curriculum to the extent appropriate for each student.



Peer Tutoring and the General Curriculum - continued

- Peer tutors/peer buddies can provide valuable supports in general education classes through:
 - Practicing specific skills
 - Assisting with daily accommodations
 - Helping students set goals for their own performance
 - Helping students monitor and evaluate their performance



Peer Tutoring and Social Relationships and Friendships

- A Universal Human Need
- My First Peer Tutoring Class – Tim and Nathan
- Hanging Out – Extracurricular Activities and Clubs, Lunch Bunch Clubs, etc.
- Richard's Story



Peer Tutoring and Community-Based Instruction

- A valuable learning opportunity for both peer tutors and students with disabilities
- Extend learning beyond the classroom for both sets of students
- Broaden the community connections for students with disabilities



Peer Tutoring and Student Goal Setting

- Peer tutors can assist students with disabilities in setting their own goals and monitoring/evaluating those goals
- Goals can be tied directly to successful performance in both general education and community settings.



Peer Tutors and General Education Class Survival Skills

- Middle School Peer Tutors Successfully Taught Students with Severe Disabilities To *Self-Monitor* and *Increase* Their Rates Of General Class Survival Skills (e.g., in class and in seat when bell rings, bring appropriate materials, ask and respond to questions)
 - (Gilberts, Agran, Hughes, & Wehmeyer, 2001)

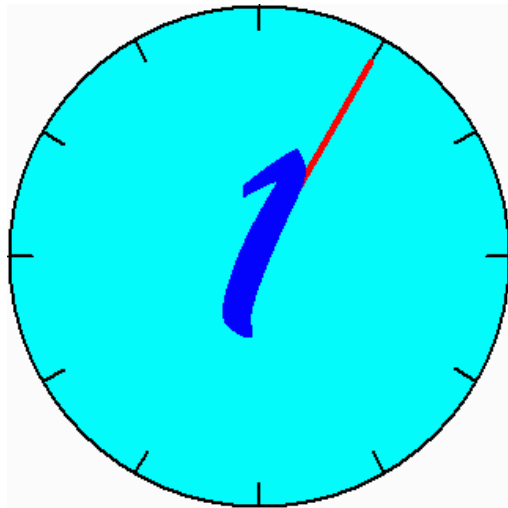


And From This Same Study...

- Their Teachers Reported a Positive Change for These Students
- And The Students Themselves Reported That They Felt a Part of the Class and that Their Participation Had Increased
 - (Gilberts, Agran, Hughes, & Wehmeyer, 2001)

Peer Tutoring and Career Opportunities

- Peer Tutoring As Preparation for Life!!





Peer Tutors Become...

- Teachers in:
 - General Education
 - Special Education
- Parents
- Citizens



What Peer Tutors Tell Us...

- *Soon I will be moving onto college, and few classes have prepared me for the next phase of my life like peer tutoring. I have learned about happiness, diversity, patience, strength, determination, and above all, life in its essence.*
- Katie Corcoran, Danville High School