

A Survival Guide for New Special Educators

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What every special education teacher needs to know to survive and thrive
A Survival Guide for New Special Educators provides relevant, practical information for new special education teachers across a broad range of topic areas. Drawing on the latest research on special educator effectiveness and retention, this comprehensive, go-to resource addresses the most pressing needs of novice instructors, resource teachers, and inclusion specialists.

- >> Offers research-based, classroom-tested strategies for working with a variety of special needs students
 - >> Covers everything from preparing for the new school year to behavior management, customizing curriculum, creating effective IEPs, and more
 - >> Billingsley and Brownell are noted experts in special educator training and support
- This highly practical book is filled with checklists, forms, and tools that special educators can use every day to help ensure that all special needs students get the rich, rewarding education they deserve.

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This comprehensive resource is filled with the most relevant and practical information that can help those new to the teaching profession establish a productive and satisfying career. This Survival Guide contains the most current research-based and classroom-tested strategies for working with a variety of special-needs students. It also offers a wealth of helpful checklists, forms, and tools that educators can use every day in the classroom. The book covers a wide array of must-know topics for new teachers, including how to:

- >> Prepare for the first day of school
- >> Organize and manage time
- >> Manage paperwork and IEPs
- >> Get a handle on referrals, placement, and evaluations
- >> Work in inclusive settings
- >> Become acclimated to the school
- >> Manage student behavior
- >> Understand instructional strategies
- >> Perform assessments
- >> Collaborate with general educators
- >> Conduct parent-teacher conferences
- >> Learn and use the curriculum
- >> Accommodate students from culturally and linguistically diverse (CLD) backgrounds

This practical guide gives special educators the information and tools they need to help ensure that all their students get the rich, rewarding education they deserve.

"This excellent resource provides an in-depth review of the essential aspects of special education grounded in current research and evidence-based practice. It also includes practical tips, charts, checklists, and resources that will be very useful for beginning special educators."

-Mary Dingle, Ph.D., professor of Special Education, Sonoma State University

"Beginning special educators face a variety of challenges, not the least of which is a shortage of resources, from mentors to manuals. This thorough and timely exploration of the issues facing special educators is a welcome addition!"

-Laura Burns, Special Education teacher, Responsive Education Solutions, Austin, Texas

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Other Books

A Survival Kit for the Special Education Teacher, This practical resource provides a tremendous store of tested tips, techniques and materials to help educators in every aspect of their work with special needs children. Comes complete with ready-to-use forms, checklists, handouts and sample letters.

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