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Mindset Shifts within Special Education - Part 2

Special Education can be confusing at times, but our goal is always the same: providing high quality education to all students. Listen to a conversation between Dr. Misty Parsley and Dr. Robbie Hampton of the College of Education at Lipscomb University about the importance of special education.

Summary Points

The IEP is a legal document

- ➤ An IEP is an "Individualized Education Program/Plan"
- ➤ All teachers serving a student are required to know and follow all components.
- ➤ It is a fluid document and can be changed, but requires parent input to do so.

Importance of accomodations & modifications

- Accommodations and modifications have a purpose... to level the playing field.
- Accommodations and/or modifications help students meet their goals.

Importance of communication & social development

- > Students utilize many different methods of communicating.
- ➤ All students should have an opportunity to participate in all aspects of school life.

Continue the Conversation

"What specific strategies will you use to ensure high quality education for all students?"



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- ➤ Do you know your role in the IEP process?
- Are you familiar with the IEP document and able to find information pertaining to your work with students?

Importance of accomodations & modifications

- What is the difference between accommodations and modifications?
- How do you determine whether to use accommodations or modifications?

Importance of communication & social development

- What is the most effective way to communicate with the students you serve?
- How are you facilitating the social development of students on your caseload?

References & Recommended Resources

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National Association of Special Education Teachers - https://www.naset.org/

Learning Disabilities Online - http://www.ldonline.org/educators

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