

The Educator's Compass: Navigating Student Needs with Confidence (Public)

Speech and Language	Low understanding of speech, no talking or limited speech, cannot express needs	
Behavioral	Hard time sitting still, aggressive (hits, bites) refuses to follow classroom rules or instruction	
Play	Needs support accessing classroom activities or remaining engaged	
Movement	Needs support listening and or managing the physical classroom environment	

Social-Emotional Learning

When to Use	Resource	Link
Morning circle or emotional check-ins	From Attention to Connection – Sesame Workshop	https://sesameworkshop.org/resources/from-attention-to-connection-responding-to-challenging-behavior-in-caring-ways/
Teaching emotional regulation	Sesame Street in Communities – Big Feelings Toolkit	https://sesameworkshop.org/resources/exploring-big-feelings/
Teaching emotional regulation	Sesame Street in Communities – Tough Topics	https://sesameworkshop.org/tough-topics/
Building classroom community & peer relationships	Arthur (PBS KIDS)	https://pbskids.org/arthur

Behavior Challenges

When to Use	Resource	Link
Managing classroom behavior	PBS LearningMedia – SEL & Special Education Collections	https://www.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/social-emotional-learning/
Creating inclusive classroom plans	LD OnLine	https://www.ldonline.org/
Understanding ADHD & learning behavior	Reading Rockets – ADHD and LD Guides	https://www.readingrockets.org/reading-topics/reading-and-adhd
Understanding ADHD & learning behavior	Reading Rockets – Content Finder	https://www.readingrockets.org/contentfinder

Speech & Communication

When to Use	Resource	Link
Supporting speech or language-based disabilities	Teach Me to Talk	https://teachmetotalk.com/welcome/
Bilingual learners with speech needs	Colorín Colorado	https://www.colorincolorado.org/
Teaching peers about autism and communication	Sesame Street in Communities – Julia Resources	https://autism.sesamestreet.org/
Supporting reading and language	University of Virginia Literacy Video Library	https://literacy.virginia.edu/professional-learning-library-short-videos

Gross Motor & Sensory Needs

When to Use	Resource	Link
Incorporating movement & awareness	PBS Sensory Inclusion Tool Kit	https://static.pbslearningmedia.org/media/media_files/77423932-85e0-452f-b179-2a55dce29d6c/c10df86a-4628-423a-b2bf-883578ca6b8b.pdf

Supporting sensory regulation	Sesame Street in Communities – Autism Tools	https://sesamestreetincommunities.org/topics/autism/
Understanding Sensory Processing	Understood	https://www.understood.org/en/articles/classroom-accommodations-for-sensory-processing-challenges

Professional Development

When to Use	Resource	Link
Staff training & classroom strategy planning	PBS LearningMedia – PreK-K Resources	https://www.pbslearningmedia.org/grades/PreK-K/?rank_by=recency&selected_facet=subject:6708
PEEP and the Big Wide World Training	PBS LearningMedia – PEEP Training	https://www.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/pdpeep/
Local professional development	WETA Education	https://weta.org/education
Teaching ASL	PBS Kids – American Sign Language Collection	https://www.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/american-sign-language-pbs-kids/
Understanding ADHD	PBS – ADHD: What You Need to Know	https://www.pbs.org/video/adhd-what-you-need-to-know-3bgpbv/
Understanding ADHD basics	PBS – Misunderstood Minds: Attention	https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/misunderstoodminds/attentionbasics.html

Additional Resources

When to Use	Resource	Link
Library of educational materials	LibraryWorld Online Catalog	https://opac.libraryworld.com/opac/home.php
Guide to developmental environments	Harvard Center on the Developing Child	https://developingchild.harvard.edu/resource-guides/

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National early childhood resource hub	DEC Recommended Practices and Partners	https://www.dec-sped.org/dec-recommended-practices
Inclusive practices & networks	Inclusive Schools Network	https://inclusiveschools.org/
Early childhood TA and innovation	ECTA Center	https://ectacenter.org/

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