

# Understanding differences

The Surrey School District is committed to promoting inclusive school communities. Inclusive schools educate *all* students *together* and involve methods of teaching that address individual differences. Such values support a diverse population of students, including students with special needs.

Just as with typical students, some students with special needs may occasionally display challenging behaviours. Such behaviours appear to be disrespectful or deliberate when in fact, they may indicate difficulties in communication or the child's understanding of expectations.

When problem behaviours arise as a result of a student's special needs, school staff is trained to respond in an effective manner for that student.

However, these responses may be different to what casual observers might expect. We appreciate your tolerance and understanding in such situations, as we work together as a community to provide a respectful, supportive environment for all learners.

