

## Sample Special Education PA Day Session

<b>Topic</b>	Developing a Common Understanding of Learning for All in the Classroom
<b>Brief Description of PA Day Session</b>	<p>In school PA day sessions were designed by administrators to fit with the school learning plan according to the following expected learning outcomes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Classroom teachers are responsible for the learning and achievement of every student in their class.</li> <li>2. Classroom teachers know their learners' readiness, interests and learning profile and are able to personalize and provide precise instruction and assessment of their students.</li> <li>3. Classroom teachers demonstrate an understanding of working collaboratively to support the learning needs of students with Individual Education Plans (IEPs).</li> </ol> <p>The focus of the day was to build a common understanding of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personalization</li> <li>• Knowing Your Students (i.e. student profiles, class profiles)</li> <li>• Assessment and instructional approaches for closing the gap (i.e., Universal Design for Learning, differentiated instruction, the tiered approach, and assessment for learning)</li> <li>• IEPs</li> <li>• Professional Learning Communities (PLCs).</li> </ul> <p>Administrators were provided with a variety of differentiated activities to support in-school PA day sessions such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Article review and discussion</li> <li>• Developing a self portrait as a learner</li> <li>• Training on assistive technology</li> <li>• Presentation on writing effective IEPs.</li> </ul>
<b>Resources</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List of Expected Learnings with related Look Fors</li> <li>• List of professional articles and professional dialogue strategy</li> <li>• Learner profile surveys</li> <li>• Power point presentation – the Classroom Teacher and the IEP (CODE website)</li> <li>• List of accommodation strategies from The Ontario Curriculum Unit Planner-Special Education Companion document <a href="http://resources.elearningontario.ca">http://resources.elearningontario.ca</a></li> </ul>
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