

# Strategies for Teaching Students with Down Syndrome

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## ABSTRACT

Teaching a student with Down Syndrome involves many strategies; some of them being very visual with the students, having colorful posters on the walls, using videos and pictures, etc. and involving students in group work and giving them responsibilities will be very useful for their learning. Teaching a student with Down Syndrome requires accommodations and teaching strategies, which are addressed in the presentation.

## STUDENTS WITH DOWN SYNDROME

- Learn and think differently differently
- Concrete thinkers
- Easily distracted
- Difficulty Communicating
- Learn at a different pace
- Visual Learners
- Every student is different

## STRATEGIES

- Don't limit your students learning
- Ask your students questions about the lesson content as you are teaching
  - Not yes or no questions
- Be patient with your students especially when communicating
- Teach one lesson at a time, don't jumble up information making it harder for the student to concentrate on the content
- Assess the pace that you are teaching on students needs
- Observe your students learning styles
- Use visuals
- If the student is doing an assignment by themselves have them describe to themselves and you what they are doing as they are learning
- Be patient
- Validate your students and their learning
- Create a positive learning environment
- Encourage group work
- Set goals
- Adjust difficulty levels
- Believe in your students and their capabilities

