

# The Right To Have An Education

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Everyone should have the right to have an education regardless of their disabilities. This right is important to me because I have a slight disability. I am deathly allergic to peanuts, because of this the school makes adjustments to keep me safe. They have set aside a peanut free table for me. In fourth grade, they wiped the computer keys so that I would not have a reaction during state tests. Lately they have set aside my own hot lunch meal so that they will not run out of food that is safe for me to eat.

My needs pale in comparison with the kids in the ISC (intendant skills center) classroom. They have many struggles with learning but, our school (**Scholls Heights**) welcomes them to and gives them the support they need to have an education.

I've experienced some time helping in the ISC classroom. I have really enjoyed helping Noah. Noah is a wonderful, smart, creative, and intelligent boy. The reason I love working with him is because I love to see him work and grow.

*The wind whipped. It was a cold winter Tuesday afternoon, and I was walking with Brian and Noah. Noah ran off, his little feet clip clopping on the black asphalt. He ran up to the swings, and I followed close behind. I helped him up on the swings. As the cold wind pelted my face like ice I started to push. I asked, "Noah do you want to stop?"*

*"Sta" he replied. I clutched the swing and walked backward. "Won, two, twee," he started to say, "go." I let go. His swing flew forward. He went as fast as a comet. Then he and the swing became a blur of colors. When he came back into focus, he wore a huge smile and he started to laugh.*

*"Aga" he said, and I did it again.*

I've also worked with Angel. He is a flexible, amazing, and happy kid. I love seeing him smile. I love seeing him laugh.

*Angel and I sat on the dirty ground out at recess. I started to sing: "If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands." CLAP CLAP CLAP. "If you're happy and you know it, wave to your neighbor." Angel followed exactly, with a smile on his face.*

Sadly, some kids are unkind to the ISC students. They make mean games. I have even been teased because of helping out in the classroom.

Though they may be in wheelchairs, or need feeding, or maybe not even be able to talk or see but everyone deserves the right to have an education. Noah might never be able to solve long division, but he can be pushed in his ability to count and be creative if he has an education. Angel might never be able to give a speech, but he can still be his personal best by learning in a school.

School is an opportunity that many people don't get to have. It is special that our school supports the ISC classrooms and their need to have an education. The fact that many kids around the world don't get to have an education is unfortunate. No matter the disability, I think anyone should have an education, even if it means that the school needs to make adjustments to help the children learn. All kids should be given opportunity to be the best that they can be.