Celebrate National Inclusive Schooools Week™

Submit your vision of an inclusive school today and your artwork could be here!



DEADLINE :
all entries must be postmarked by
December 15, 2006

AWARDS ANNOUCED:
all winners will be notified by e-mail, mail or phone by February 15, 2007

POSTER AND ESSAY CONTEST

In recognition of National Inclusive Schools Week, you are invited to participate in a poster or essay contest reflecting the theme "Great things happen in inclusive schools." We are asking students and adults to write an essay or create a poster that explores why inclusive schools are so important and how students of all abilities and cultural backgrounds contribute to their schools and communities in a positive way. How can we make all who come to our school feel welcome and supported? What can we learn from those who are different from us? This contest presents an opportunity for students, parents, educators, and others to think about the importance of individuality and diversity, and how their school communities are enriched by students with and without disabilities and those of culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Awards will be made in the following categories:

Grades K-3 **Grades 4-5** **Grades 6-8**
Grades 9-12+ **Adults**



What is National Inclusive Schools Week?

National Inclusive Schools Week, celebrated annually the first week in December, highlights and celebrates the progress of our nation's schools in employing inclusive practices to ensure a quality education for an increasingly diverse student population. The *Week* encourages educators, students, and parents to strive for improved academic achievement for all children. Planning tools, proclamations, celebration kits, lesson plans, articles, and other relevant publications and reference materials are available at www.inclusiveschools.org.

For more information, please visit www.inclusiveschools.org

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Poster and Essay Contest Entry Form

Great things happen in inclusive schools

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Notice of Awards:
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February 15, 2007

Please complete this form in its entirety and attach it to the poster or essay.

By submitting your poster or essay, you are giving *National Inclusive Schools Week* the right to use your entry on our Web site (www.inclusiveschools.org), future versions of the Celebration Kit, other products, and public forums. Please note that posters and essays will not be returned. All necessary accommodations and modifications should be provided for students with disabilities to participate.

Poster Rules
Attach the entry form to the back of your poster. Posters may be as small as 8.5" x 11" and as large as 36" x 36". You may use crayons, paint, ink, markers, photographs, chalk, sand, cloth, or any suitable materials to create your poster. You may use the computer to generate your design.

Essay Rules
Attach the entry form to your essay. Essays must be 600 words or less, original, and completed entirely by the student who is submitting the entry. All essay entries must be typed (Microsoft Word is preferable) or printed in blue or black ink on white or light colored paper.

Note: An individual may submit a poster, or a group, class, or school may work together on one poster. Group entries will judged separately.

Student or Group's Name_____

Grade Level_____ Age_____

Name of the School/Organization_____

Street Address_____

City_____State_____Zip _____

Contact Name_____ Relationship to participant_____

Contact's Phone Number _____

Contact's Email Address _____

Mail Poster Submissions:
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Essay Submissions:
We prefer to receive essays (Microsoft Word documents) via email. Please submit to nisw@edc.org, or if necessary, mail hard copies to the address above.

Questions about the contest may be directed to Deb Hall at nisw@edc.org or at our toll free number: 877-332-2870.

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