

Maximizing Student Independence
In-service for SRPSD E.A.s
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SRSD Educational Associates do an amazing job!

Goal:

Learn more strategies that will maximize student independence.

Education vs. Care

In days gone by, communities did not think that students with disabilities should be in school. Then we moved to a model of having students with disabilities in school and providing care for them during the day. Today, we have a higher standard; we believe **all** students can **learn** and grow in all areas each and every day. We expect students attending school to be educated not just cared for.

A successful educator will:

- no longer be needed by a student
- go unnoticed
- redirect student attention to the teacher
- move away from the student as soon as possible
- encourage other students to interact with special needs students
- not do for a student what they can do for themselves
- anticipate students' needs and still let students try
- be mindful of student goals
- target only the priority behaviors and learning
- seek instruction from the teacher
- follow the recommendations of the professionals
- record information about the student as outlined by professional staff
- set a good example, be professional and punctual
- be flexible