



Introducing

LIFE SUCCESS

For Children With Learning Disabilities
— A Teacher Guide —

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Today, nearly 3 million students receive special education services due to learning disabilities (LD). While their school years focus primarily on academic challenges, ultimately, these children have to meet all the challenges of life as an adult. Now, leading learning disabilities researchers have produced a guide to help teachers of students with LD identify and nurture characteristics and behaviors that lead to successful life outcomes. Drawing on more than 20 years of groundbreaking research tracing the lives of children and adults with LD, researchers at the Frostig Center in Pasadena, California have identified key factors, called “success attributes,” that contribute to success. Although development of the success attributes does not guarantee success, any opportunity a teacher has to foster these attributes is a step towards helping their students reach their optimal potential and lead happy, satisfying, and rewarding lives.

“We hope that by providing parents and teachers of LD children with information about these personal characteristics, attitudes, and behaviors, many more youngsters will then go on to lead successful lives” states Dr. Eleanor Higgins, director of research at the Frostig Center. □

The Web guide describes each of six success attributes - self-awareness, proactivity, perseverance, goal setting, support systems, and emotional coping strategies - and provides seven guiding principles for fostering the success attributes in students. The guide also offers checklists to help determine the presence or absence of the success attributes in students as well as activities and resources to assist in developing success attributes. A Classroom Activities Exchange provides teachers with an opportunity to both contribute and locate successful classroom activities. The guide is enhanced by whimsical illustrations from Jay Carlton, a successful adult artist with dyslexia.

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