**Down Syndrome Network of West Virginia**

**Tuesday Talks—August 2023
Back to School Resources**

**NDSS Inclusive Education Guidelines**

[Inclusive Education Guidelines | National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS)](https://ndss.org/inclusive-education-guidelines)

*\*Fill out the information, and click “Download Publication”*

Section 1 explains why this guide was needed and how policymakers can support inclusive education. Section 2 gives some background on Down syndrome and some of the specific challenges that may occur in education. Section 3 breaks down some specific principles that can be utilized in different educational stages (pre-school, elementary, high school, higher education).

**Canva “All About Me” Template** *(copy and paste into browser)*

<https://www.canva.com/design/DAFqN-VttFY/5jHMCUazOSlArWfAoocbYA/view?utm_content=DAFqN-VttFY&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link&utm_source=publishsharelink&mode=preview>

Customize this and provide it to your student’s teachers, support staff, or anyone in the school who may have an interaction with the student, no matter how brief!

**WV Resources**

[Special Education - West Virginia Department of Education (wvde.us)](https://wvde.us/special-education/)

WVDE Special Education homepage. Explore many different resources for families, policies, and legal rights and responsibilities.

[West Virginia Advisory Council for the Education of Exceptional Children - West Virginia Department of Education (wvde.us)](https://wvde.us/special-education/family-and-public-partnership/west-virginia-advisory-council-for-the-education-of-exceptional-children/)

*WVACEEC Facebook page:* <https://www.facebook.com/WVACEEC>

Explore the schedule of meeting dates and locations, and watch the Facebook page for links to join any meeting virtually, regardless of county!

[Policy 2419 - West Virginia Department of Education (wvde.us)](https://wvde.us/special-education/policies-and-compliance/policy-2419/)

*WV Developmental Disability Council’s Companion Guide for WV Policy 2419*

[A Parent's Advocacy Guide to Special Education (wv.gov)](https://ddc.wv.gov/publications/Pages/Parent-Advocacy-Guide-to-Special-Education.aspx)

Policy 2419 is WV’s special education law. The DD Council has developed a companion guide with easy to understand language explaining the policy, including helpful tips and reminders throughout.