

5 FACTS ON CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS & PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION.



1. How many children with special needs are enrolled in public schools?

13%

of the children enrolled in our nation's public schools receive special education services. This translates to roughly **6.5 million kids**.
(Source: National Center for Education Statistics, last updated in May 2015)

2. Is the population of children with special needs in school, diverse?

Here is a breakdown of the racial diversity among children receiving special education services in U.S. public schools:
(Source: National Center for Education Statistics)



16%
American
Indian



15%
Black



13%
White



13%
Multi-Racial



12%
Hispanic



6%
Asian

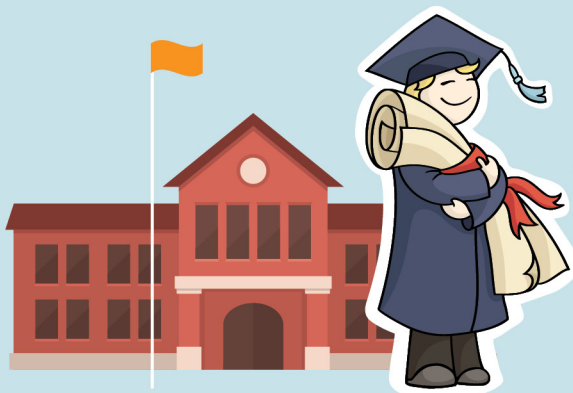
80%

3. Do kids with special needs miss time in the classroom with their peers?

61% of children receiving special education services spent **80% or more of their time in class**, up from just 33% in the 1990-1991 school year.
(Source: National Center for Education Statistics)

4. Do kids with special needs face bullying at a higher rate?

Students with special needs are **2-3x more likely to be bullied**. One study shows that **60% of students with disabilities** report being bullied regularly compared with 25% of all students. (Source: <http://www.pacer.org/bullying/resources/students-with-disabilities/>)



5. What is the high school graduation rate for kids with special needs?

Roughly **20%** less than the national average.
(Source: <http://www.usnews.com/education/blogs/high-school-notes/2014/04/28/high-school-graduation-rates-reach-record>)