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



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

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)

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)



American Indian



15% Black



13% White



13% **Multi-Racial**



12% Hispanic



Asian

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)

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/)





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/highschool-notes/2014/04/28/high-school-graduation-ratesreach-record)



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