

Handout 3—Key points about autism spectrum disorders

These key points, from the Autism Classroom Connections videos, can be helpful to keep in mind as you or those you work with create supportive classrooms for children with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

- Children with ASD are, first and foremost, children; they are like other children in many ways.
- Children with ASD experience the world differently.
- Children with ASD need and want friends.
- Understanding ASD is the key to creating connections.
- Autism spectrum disorders are not contagious.
- No one should ever tease or make fun of someone with ASD.
- When a child with ASD feels included, everyone in the classroom can learn and grow!