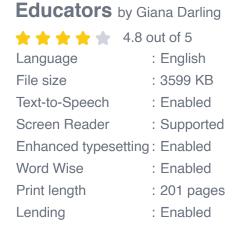
Powerful Practices for High Performing Special Educators







Special education is a demanding field that requires educators to possess a wide range of skills and knowledge. High performing special educators are those who are able to effectively meet the diverse needs of their students and create inclusive, supportive, and engaging learning environments. They are constantly seeking new ways to improve their practice and stay abreast of the latest research and best practices.

Five Key Practices

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There are a number of key practices that high performing special educators consistently implement in their classrooms. These practices can be divided into five main categories:

1. Fostering inclusivity

- 2. Promoting collaboration
- 3. Using data-driven decision-making
- 4. Engaging students
- 5. Providing individualized learning

Fostering Inclusivity

High performing special educators create inclusive classrooms where all students feel welcome and respected. They make a conscious effort to get to know each student's unique strengths and needs, and they create a classroom environment that is welcoming and supportive of all learners.

Here are some specific strategies that special educators can use to foster inclusivity in their classrooms:

- Use positive language and avoid labeling students.
- Create a classroom environment that is physically and emotionally safe.
- Provide opportunities for students to interact with each other in a positive way.
- Celebrate the diversity of your students.
- Collaborate with families and other professionals to ensure that all students are getting the support they need.

Promoting Collaboration

High performing special educators understand the importance of collaboration. They work closely with other professionals, such as general

education teachers, therapists, and administrators, to ensure that all students are getting the support they need. They also collaborate with families to keep them informed about their child's progress and to get their input on educational decisions.

Here are some specific strategies that special educators can use to promote collaboration:

- Build strong relationships with other professionals.
- Attend meetings and participate in discussions.
- Share information about your students with other professionals.
- Ask for help when you need it.
- Keep families informed about their child's progress.

Using Data-Driven Decision-Making

High performing special educators use data to make informed decisions about their students' instruction. They regularly collect data on student performance and use this data to identify areas where students are struggling and to develop individualized learning plans.

Here are some specific strategies that special educators can use to use data-driven decision-making:

- Collect data on student performance regularly.
- Use data to identify areas where students are struggling.
- Develop individualized learning plans based on data.

Monitor student progress and make adjustments to instruction as needed.

Engaging Students

High performing special educators are skilled at engaging students in learning. They use a variety of strategies to make learning fun and motivating for all students.

Here are some specific strategies that special educators can use to engage students:

- Use hands-on activities and manipulatives.
- Incorporate technology into instruction.
- Provide opportunities for students to choose their own learning activities.
- Make learning relevant to students' lives.
- Provide positive feedback and encouragement.

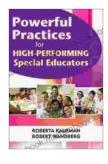
Providing Individualized Learning

High performing special educators understand that each student is different and that there is no one-size-fits-all approach to instruction. They take the time to get to know each student's unique strengths and needs, and they develop individualized learning plans that are tailored to each student's individual needs.

Here are some specific strategies that special educators can use to provide individualized learning:

- Get to know each student's unique strengths and needs.
- Develop individualized learning plans based on each student's needs.
- Provide differentiated instruction to meet the needs of all learners.
- Monitor student progress and make adjustments to instruction as needed.

High performing special educators are those who are committed to creating inclusive, supportive, and engaging learning environments for all students. They use a variety of best practices to ensure that all students have the opportunity to learn and grow. By implementing these practices, special educators can make a real difference in the lives of their students.

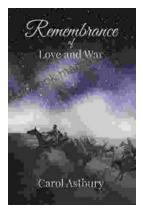


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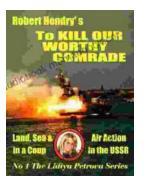
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