Models of Participation

# Inclusion

Inclusion is supporting all participants, instructors/staff and the system as a whole so that the full range of participation needs can be met. Focus is on development of good instructional strategies that will be of benefit to all learners. Attention is given toward overcoming barriers in the system that prevent it from meeting the range of differing levels of abilities. The system changes to meet the needs of all.

# Unified/Peer Buddy

Unified/Peer Buddy models joins people with and without disabilities to participate together in an activity. Typically, there are equal number of persons with disabilities to nondisabled peers who are often engaged as volunteers in this role.

# Integration

Integration is a process of placing participants with disabilities in existing activities. A focus is on giving the participants support so they can “fit in” to the existing system.

# Specialized

Specialized or “disability specific” programs are offered with instruction of participants provided in separate environments designed to respond to a particular or various impairments.

# Exclusion

Exclusion occurs when participants are directly or indirectly prevented from or denied access to an activity.

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