



SE500 Introduction to Special Education

Inclusion Position Paper

Write a 3- to 4-page position paper about including students with disabilities in the general education classroom (Inclusion). Cover page, reference list and written in APA style. Submit to the Turnitin portal in Blackboard. **60 points.**

The purpose of a position paper is to generate support on an issue. It describes a position on an issue and the rationale for that position. The position paper is based on facts that provide a solid foundation for your argument. In the position paper you should:

- Use evidence to support your position, such as statistical evidence or dates and events.
- Validate your position with authoritative references or primary source quotations.
- Examine the strengths and weaknesses of your position.
- Evaluate possible solutions and suggest courses of action

Important: Resources and references used should be current (within the last 10 years or less)

Structure

The following structure is typical of a position paper:

- An introduction
- Identification of the issue
- Statement of the position
- The body
- Background information
- Supporting evidence or facts
- A discussion of both sides of the issue
- A conclusion
- Suggested courses of action
- Possible solutions

The introduction should clearly identify the issue and state the author's position. It should be written in a way that catches the reader's attention. The body of the position paper may contain several paragraphs. Each paragraph should present an idea or main concept that clarifies a portion of the position statement and is supported by evidence or facts. Evidence can be primary source quotations, statistical data, interviews with experts, and indisputable dates or events. Evidence should lead, through inductive reasoning, to the main concept or idea presented in the paragraph. The body may begin with some background information and should incorporate a discussion of both sides of the issue. The conclusion should summarize the main concepts and ideas and reinforce, without repeating, the introduction or body of the paper. It could include suggested courses of action and possible solutions.