

Strengths & Strategies Profile

It is important for educators and parents to build on a student's strengths. However, it is not enough to merely identify a student's abilities. There also must be thoughtful consideration of a strategy to capitalize on each of the talents of the student.

Here are a few examples of a student's strengths and corresponding strategy.

Todd's Strengths, Gifts, Interests, Talents	Corresponding Strategies
1. Likes working with preschool students	1. Have Todd practice reading picture books and then have him visit local preschool/public library and read story aloud.
2. Has a great sense of humor.	2. Todd could check out riddle and joke books from the school/public library, practice reading them, and perform jokes for school talent show.
3. Enjoys working on the computer.	3. Have appropriate educational software Todd can use. Suggest appropriate websites Todd could go to at home to reinforce skills he is learning at school.
4. Learns how to do new things by watching other people.	4. Use peer tutors to help Todd learn new skills.
5. Loves playing Xbox 360 games.	5. See if he would want to join the Video club at school.
6. Wants to do more public speaking.	6. Take a Speech class as an elective.
7. Can use powerwheel chair to get around the school and community.	7. Make sure all the parts of the school building are accessible (don't assume that they are)
8. Likes to look at astronomy magazines.	8. Take Earth and Space science class.
9. Wants to learn to speak Spanish.	9. Take Spanish I class.
10. Has wrestled on school team for one year.	10. Have Todd show new wrestlers his favorite moves.
11. Can do simple addition and subtraction with TOUCH math.	11. Continue using TOUCH math for more complex addition and subtraction problems.

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