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Purpose of Communication

The field of Special Education requires groups of people (educators, doctors, administrators, family members, students, etc) to work together. How can we effectively do so?





Involvement



It is important to remember that each team member is a valuable player and contributor. All members possess decision making power.

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Atmosphere

Where do meetings take place?
What occurs? Who is present? How is it conducted? Why is this important?



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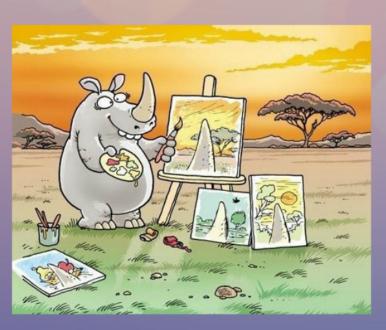


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Helpful Habits

- 1. Be proactive
- 2. Have the goal in mind
- 3. Prioritize and take action
- 4. Understand first, be understood second
- 5. Use technology
- 6. Problem solve
- 7. Think

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T - is it true?
H- IS IT HELPFUL?
I - IS IT INSPIRING?
N - is it necessary?
K- is it kind?



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