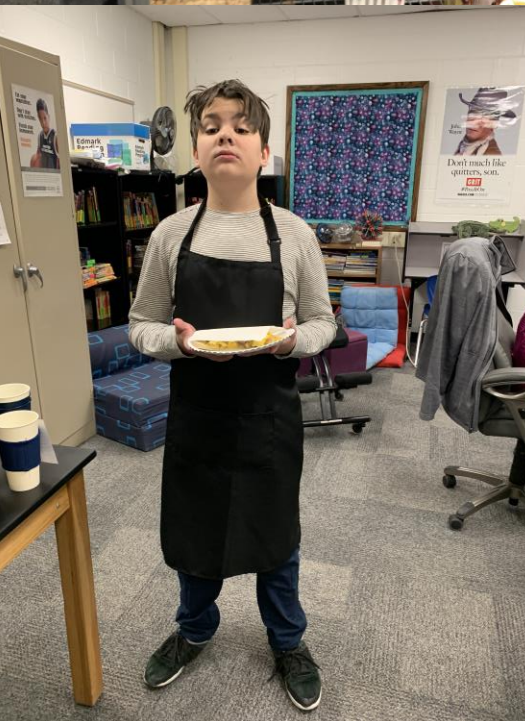


Authentic Work Experiences with Middle School Students with ED/BD and ASD

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They have the opportunity to participate in a lower restrained environment



There are various jobs for different ability levels



Peer models for social and language skills



Students receive vocational skills before high school

Benefits of a School Coffee Shop for ASD Students

Social Skills and Language Practice for ASD Students

Language:

- Builds their functional language vocabulary for work related tasks
- Real-world experience with comprehending answers to complete tasks

Social skills:

- Practice appropriate conversational skills
- Asking questions and actively listen to answers

Benefits of a School Coffee Shop for BD Students



positive interactions between staff and challenging students



job and real-world experiences for students who may struggle to obtain and sustain stable employment



a structured environment where our students experience success in the school setting

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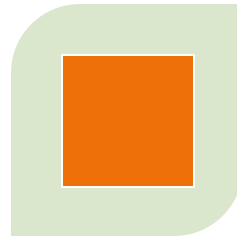
A STRUCTURED
ENVIRONMENT OUTSIDE
THE CLASSROOM TO
PRACTICE PEER
INTERACTIONS



TEACHES ED/BD STUDENTS
HOW TO BE PATIENT AND
INTERACT WITH THOSE WHO
MAY BE DIFFERENT THAN
THEM



GIVES BOTH ASD AND ED/BD
STUDENTS SOMETHING TO
LOOK FORWARD TO



GIVES THE STUDENTS SOME
INDEPENDENCE AND GAINS
CONFIDENCE

Benefits of ASD and ED/BD Students Working Together

How our Coffee Shop works- General Information

- Coffee Shop runs 1 day a week 7th graders run it Friday morning, 8th graders prepare for it Thursday afternoon.
- Students learn about food handling and safety. They must pass a simple test before they work directly with food/beverages
- We serve Coffee, Hot Tea, and Hot Chocolate.
- Teachers can order their coffee to be delivered or they can come to our shop in my classroom and pick-up their order in person.
- Students with ASD, Emotional Disorders, and New-Comer ELL students work together
- We had a blind student and a deaf student working with us as well
- We have a frequent shopper punch card, Buy 10 get 1 free
- We also sell a prepaid card that automatically includes the free drink (Many teachers expressed a concern that they wouldn't remember to bring money)

How our Coffee Shop Works- Prep



Students write out all online orders and put the hot chocolate/tea, sweetener, and creamer in the cups, so they are ready to be delivered the next day.



We pre-grind our coffee and fill up the coffee makers and electric kettle with water



If we are providing a treat (biscuits and gravy, breakfast pizza, breakfast burritos, cinnamon rolls) students prepare this the afternoon before as well.

We have several jobs for our students

Barista- Pours Coffee, Makes hot chocolate, pours hot water for tea. They fill pre-orders and in person orders

Cashier- Greets customers, takes orders, communicates total to customer, takes money, counts change and thanks customer for their patronage

Food server (If we are serving a food)- Using gloves, students portion out and transfer food to plates or bowls

Delivery Crew- Takes drinks and food to customer, communicates total, takes money/punches punch card, returns change to customer if needed

How our
Coffee Shop
Works- During
Coffee Shop

Setting up a Coffee Shop in Your School

Get permission from your principal

Permission slips from parents for students to handle boiling water

Permission slips for their image to be used in your thank-you for Donor's Choose (if you funded your program through Donor's Choose)

Training students for food handling

How are you going to make your coffee? Fresh Beans, Pre-ground coffee, K-cups, Drip coffee maker...

Where are you going to house your coffee shop?

Will you have a "store front" or will you deliver

Will you charge for your drinks? (students able to practice handling money)

Will you use disposable cups or reusable cups? (we use plastic coffee cups- but they don't protect your hands from the heat- cup koozie)

How to Fund a School Coffee Shop using Donor's Choose

- We used Donor's Choose to fund our Coffee Shop.
- Decide what items you need to get your Coffee Shop off the ground. You can do a follow-up project to buy more later.
- It is easier to get a project funded if it is under \$700.
- However, if it is your first project you get a 1-time code that doubles donations that is good for a week.
- It is highly suggested that you build in a donation back to Donor's Choose.
- You must have pictures for your profile. If there are students in your pictures you need to have signed release forms for them.
- You can shop through Amazon, I found the best deals through Amazon.
- There are different times throughout the year that lend to getting projects funded.
- Search through the match offers to make sure that you can maximize your donations.
- Don't worry- You don't have to depend on friends and family to fund your project. Many people search through classroom projects to help fund projects that speak to them.