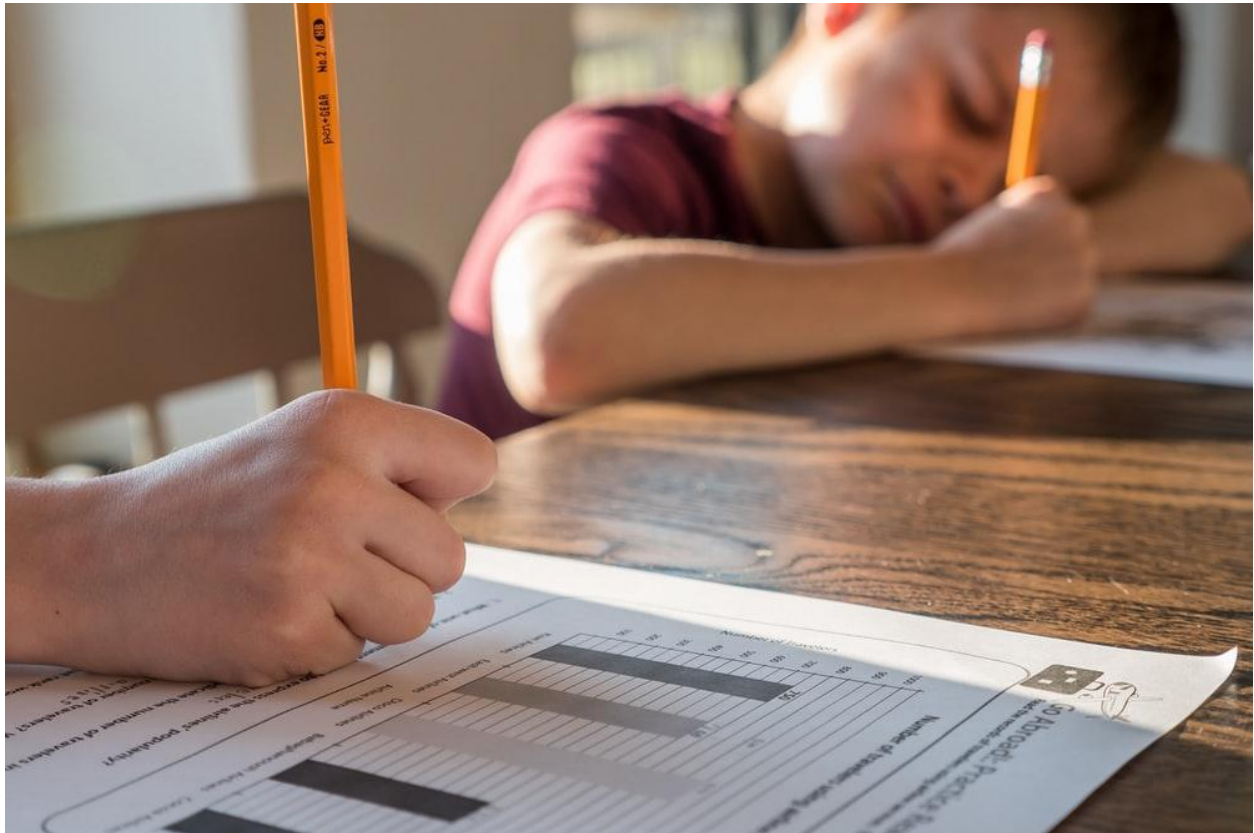


Meta: The modern education system has adopted various methods to help children with autism study and grow in a nurturing environment. Let's discuss some of these to help you understand better.

Room for Autism in the Modern Education Systems



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Similar to good **behavior therapists** for children with autism, parents require good educational programs that meet their child's individual needs. While any child with autism can perform better in a classroom environment that supports a certain kind of learning style, the best option will depend on several factors. These include your child's particular strengths or learning and development needs.

To give you a broader perspective, let's discuss the room for autism in modern education in further detail to help you realize the options your child can have.

Educational Must-Haves

A child may perform their best in a general education classroom environment, special education classroom, resource classroom, or an autism-focused setting. They may thrive in a more inclusive situation. What's more, your child can thrive in a private school that practices a particular teaching style for children with autism.

However, some basic elements are essential to any successful educational program for special children. These include a trained teacher who has experience in working with children with special needs. The teacher should also have support from the school administration and they must be able to access materials, resources, and educational content for your child's learning needs.

What's more, the teacher should also be able to modify the curriculum to meet your child's strengths and needs based on the child's [IEP](#). This option may not be available in private schools as there's limited flexibility but the parents and school administration can discuss and develop an appropriate educational program.

Parents should be able to see the evidence of the different teaching styles in a classroom setting before enrolling their children. Other teachers responsible for the gym or library should also have access to resources that can support your child's special needs.

Another important consideration is the availability of [behavior therapy services](#) on-site and free of charge. If you think the school meets your criteria as a parent or caretaker, you can consult with the school administration to discuss your child's condition and education requirements.

Orion ABA recommends that your child has access to [applied behavior analysis therapy](#) as well as it helps promote positive behaviors and reduces negative behaviors. This can help your child in a classroom environment.

Here are [some real-world stories of success](#) that you need to read about how special education is helping children thrive.



Filename: Girl-reading

Alt-text: A girl in a pink shirt reading a book.

School District's Legal Requirements

In the US, the [IDEA](#) requires that the district provides the least restrictive environment for a child's education. This means they must consider options like [mainstreaming](#) before deciding on a more specialized educational setting.

You can decide whether your child is better off in a specialized setting or decide to work with a public school. However, you will have to prove that the mainstream classroom setting isn't working for your child before receiving specialized or private education.

Mainstreaming

Nowadays the term is somewhat outdated as the newer term is "[inclusion](#)." The concept describes a setting where your child can be a part of a normal classroom with minimal support. The child is generally expected to behave appropriately in large groups, work at near grade level and also attend to the teacher.

However, the concept works best for moderately social children. This setting can be challenging for children who are anxious, non-verbal, or act when under stress.

Inclusion

The modern term inclusion is the same as mainstreaming but it involves support. The idea behind an inclusive setting is that children with [autism spectrum disorder \(ASD\)](#) requires personalized support to be able to perform at their best. The forms of support include modified social groups, adapted curriculum, [1:1 aide](#), and more.

A majority of the caretakers and parents will prefer inclusion as they wouldn't want to compromise between unsupported mainstreaming and special education. However, there are a few downsides to inclusion.

For instance, in a typical classroom environment, special children may require more attention and may find it difficult to make friends on their own. With the 1:1 aide, the teacher may also consider the child as "been taken care of" and divert their attention to other students. What's more, if the child is studying an adapted curriculum, they may be taught by the aide and not a certified, credentialed, or trained teacher.



Filename: Boy-reading-a-book

Alt-text: boy sitting near red table reading a book.

Public Schools

In the case of public schools, children with autism are usually placed in special classrooms. This can work well for your child if the teacher is experienced and trained in teaching children with special needs. The groups are generally smaller which provides your child a better opportunity to work on their communication and social skills. Special classes are also included in every school event and activity.

However, special classrooms are intended for children with neural conditions that have difficulties in academics. Children with autism are generally more comfortable with academics but find social skills challenging. This means you need to carefully consider your child's special needs before enrolling them in a special education classroom in a public school.



Filename: Parents-teaching-at-home

Alt-text: Parents teaching their child at home.

Home Schooling

As special education options are limited and, in some districts, or schools, they are non-existent, a growing number of parents are turning to [homeschool](#). Homeschooling can be challenging for many families as it requires full-time involvement from the parents. One of the biggest issues with homeschooling is the reaction of families and peers which makes it hard for parents to keep up the energy and confidence.

However, the biggest upside of homeschooling is the greater flexibility and a familiar environment for your child. If you want to help your child learn social skills and communication skills at home in a safe and nurturing environment, [Orion ABA](#) provides [in-home ABA therapy in Chicago](#) that's [focused on supporting and nurturing](#) your child with autism.

Our evidence-based [behavior management for ASD](#) and [behavior therapy services](#) apply approaches and techniques that are designed to highlight your child's strengths. Besides ABA therapy, [we also provide](#), functional communication training (FCT), case management services,

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