

# What are the Necessary Social Skills?

Teaching, reviewing, and reinforcing the importance of using appropriate social skills belongs in every classroom, regardless of grade or subject.

- ✓ Many students with behavior needs benefit from the *ongoing* teaching of social skills.
- ✓ In the inclusion model, students with special needs will benefit from the social skills learned by the regular students.

When you think about it, most classroom and school-wide problems are a direct result of inappropriate social skills. Social skills are skills that can be learned at all ages; students need to be reminded that even **adults continue to learn social skills**. Students can be taught how to use effective social skills through classroom expectations and routines, role plays, modeling, reading literature with social skills highlighted, and opportunities for social skill use in school activities and work experiences.

- Cooperation
- Sharing
- Participation
- Being a Friend
- Helping Others
- Being Patient
- Following Directions
- Taking Turns
- Remaining on Task
- Accepting Differences
- Listening
- Praising Others and Refraining from Put Downs
- Positive Communication and Interactions
- Being Polite and Courteous
- Using Good Manners
- Respecting Ourselves, Others and Items
- Being Respectful