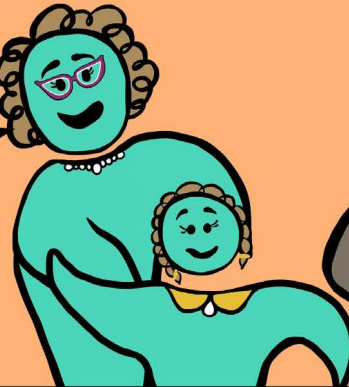


Mx. Friedman, I am so glad Sofia is in your class. You and the school worked hard. You quickly tested children who need more help in school.

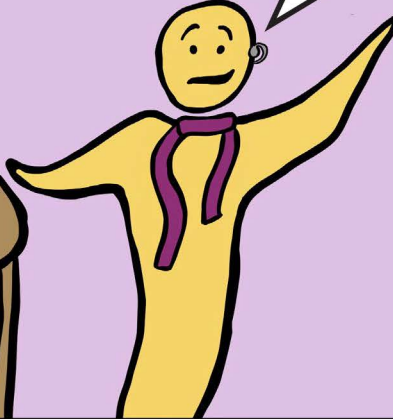


Thank you, Mrs. Ramirez.

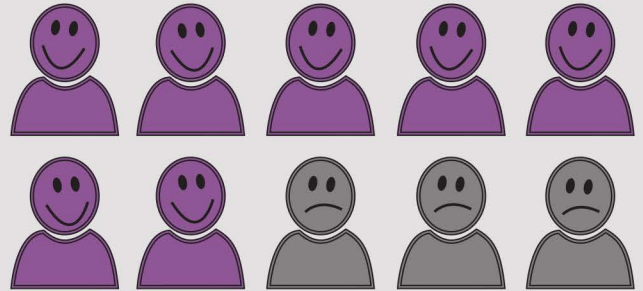
I am so happy for Sofia. She gets to learn with the other students.



Most students with disabilities learned with other students last year.\* Sofia should be a part of the class too. I want her to feel like she belongs.

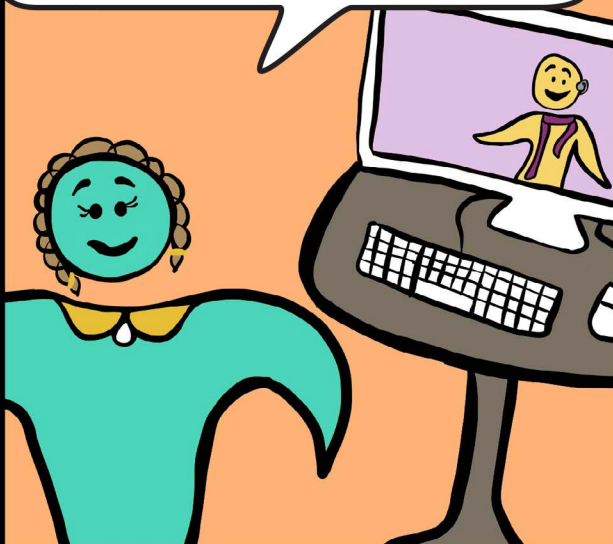


**7 in 10 students**

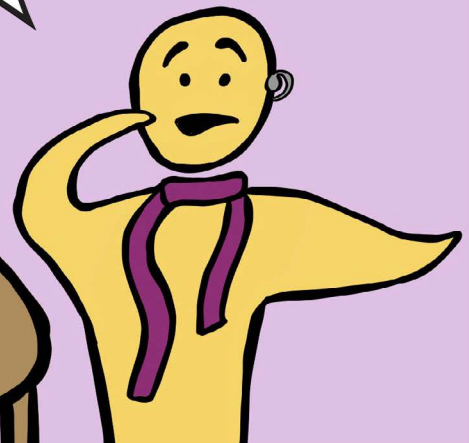
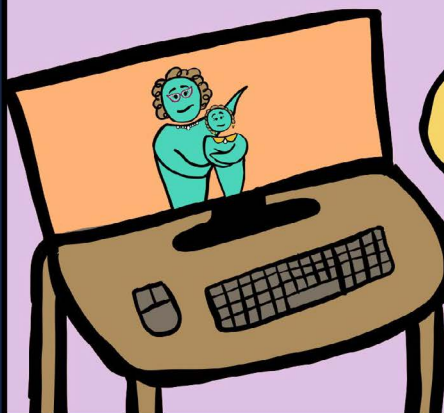


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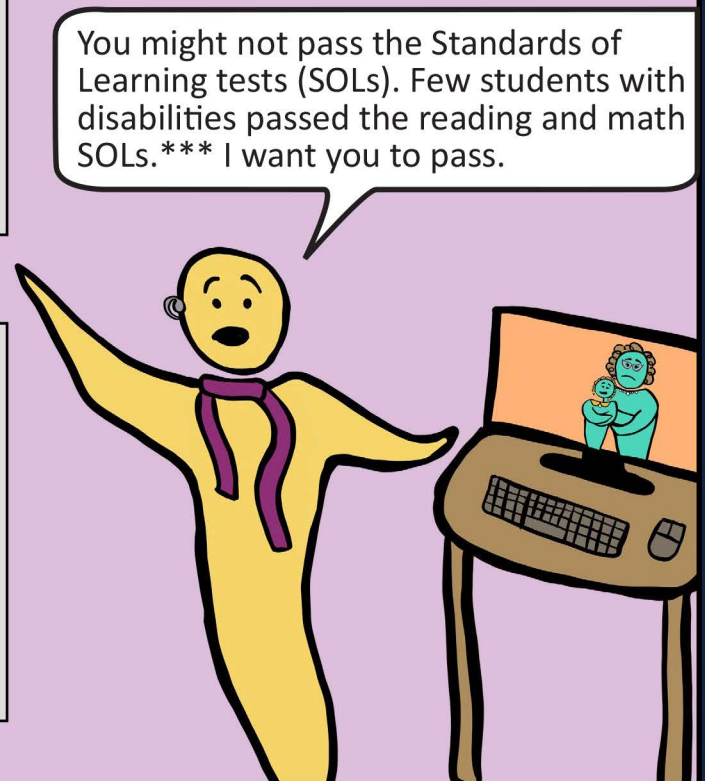
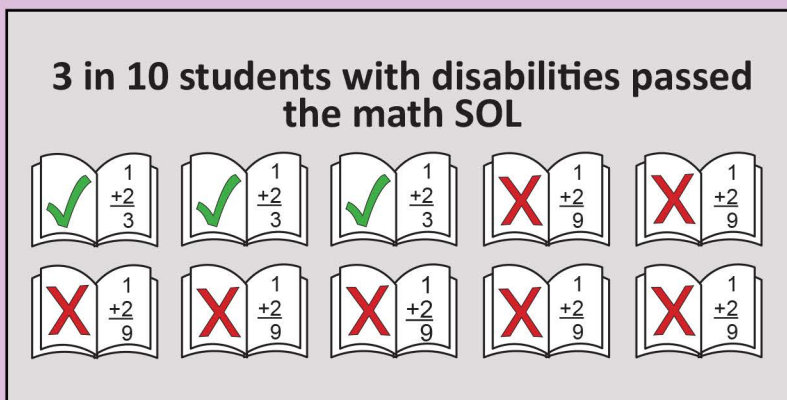
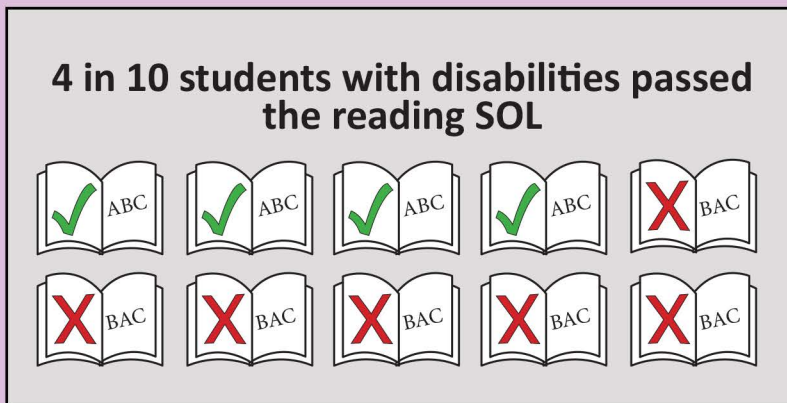
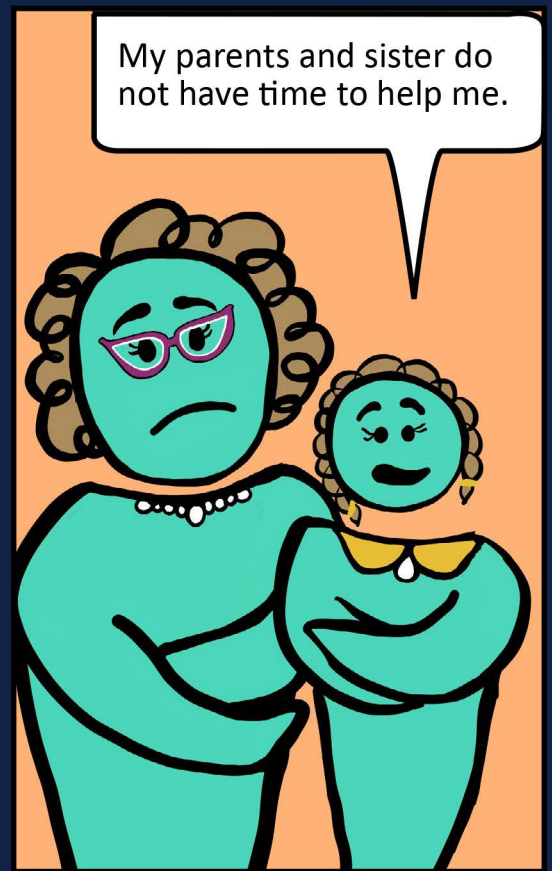
I am happy to be a part of the class. My old teachers sent me home a lot. They did not like my behavior.



You are not the only one who was sent home a lot. Students with disabilities were more likely to be sent home for behavior.\*\* Sometimes the student's race had an impact too.



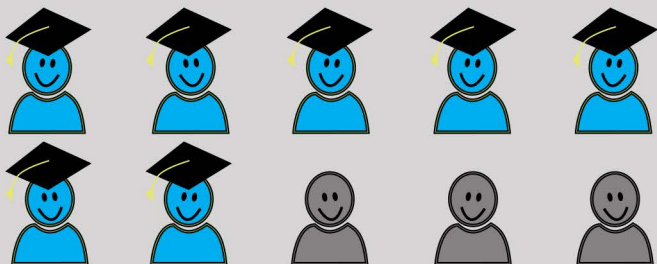
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\*\*\*2020-2021 school year



## 7 in 10 students graduated in 2021



Oh no! Students with disabilities are also less likely to graduate in 4 years with a regular diploma. I want Sofia to succeed in school. Her life will be easier with a diploma.



Can Sofia get more help at school?



Yes. I know learning at home is hard. I want Sofia to do well. We can help Sofia by making changes to her Individualized Education Program (IEP).

## Want to learn more about special education and Individualized Education Programs (IEPs)?

### PROJECT LIVING WELL

Go to the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) "Special Education" page at [doe.virginia.gov](https://doe.virginia.gov). Call the Parent Ombudsman at (800) 422-2083 or send an email to [SpecialEducationOmbudsman@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:SpecialEducationOmbudsman@doe.virginia.gov).

Call the Director of Facilities and Family Engagement at (804) 371-0525 or send an email to [Hank.Millward@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Hank.Millward@doe.virginia.gov).

Or contact VDOE at their fax number (804) 692-3163.

### Need more virtual learning help?

Talk to your child's teacher. You can also check out the "Steps to Succeed in Online Courses" at [virtualvirginia.org](https://virtualvirginia.org) and more Parent Resources at [setda.org](https://setda.org).

**Find more education data** at the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities "Project Living Well" webpage at [vbpd.virginia.gov](https://vbpd.virginia.gov) or the VDOE "Statistics and Reports" page at [doe.virginia.gov](https://doe.virginia.gov).