

A Comparison of Traditional Schools and Educational Options Schools and Programs

Traditional Schools	Educational Options Schools and Programs
Start with classes of students.	Start with individual students and have low student-teacher ratios. When there are so many students that the teacher cannot clearly see and respond to the strengths and needs of each student, but instead sees a class, then there are too many students.
Students try to match their learning style to the teaching style.	Educators try to match teaching styles to the students' learning styles and actively aim to teach students new learning styles, increasing the ways in which the student may learn and be taught.
Often are limited to auditory, verbal, analytical learning modalities.	Use kinesthetic and visual modalities as well as auditory, verbal and analytical.
The class moves on and the student fails when he or she does not learn. Sometimes the teacher repeats, often in the same style and modality, when the student asks for help ("repeating only louder").	There is a "not yet" approach where the teacher tries different approaches until the student learns.
Emphasize academic growth and achievement.	Emphasize academic growth and achievement, but realize that this will only happen when also combined with an emphasis on social-emotional development, resiliency, and learning readiness factors.