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NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

Autism Awareness



<https://www.webmd.com/brain/autism/understanding-autism-basics#1>

Autism is a complex neurobehavioral condition that includes impairments in social interaction and developmental language and communication skills combined with rigid, repetitive behaviors. This condition is now called autism spectrum disorder (ASD). ASD ranges in severity from a handicap that somewhat limits an otherwise normal life to a devastating disability that may require institutional care.

Children with autism have trouble communicating and understanding what other people think and feel. This makes it very hard for them to express themselves either with words or through gestures, facial expressions, and touch.

A child with ASD who is very sensitive may be greatly troubled -- sometimes even pained -- by sounds, touches, smells, or sights that seem normal to others.





10 Early Signs of Autism in young children

<http://www.activebeat.com/your-health/children/10-early-autism-symptoms-in-young-children/>

1. Disconnection to Others

⇒ seem distant or disconnected to loved ones

2. Apparent Lack of Empathy

⇒ they have difficulty empathizing with others.

3. Indifferent to Human Interaction

⇒ often just don't seem very interested in engaging in normal developmental games and activities, including socializing and imitating other people.

4. Emotional Outbursts

⇒ unable to control their emotions and physical responses, especially when they find themselves in new, strange, or stressful situations.

5. Delayed Language Development

⇒ Some won't start to display any significant language skills until they start to work with a speech therapist.

6. Prone to Non-Verbal Communication

⇒ may resort to visual or physical means of communication—such as drawing pictures or using gestures to make requests or engage in back-and-forth dialogue.

7. Difficulty Understanding Figurative Expressions

⇒ tend to have more trouble distinguishing between what's real and what is make-believe.

8. Repetitive Behaviors

⇒ may arrange and rearrange the same group of objects, rock back and forth for extended time, flutter hands, or repeat the same word or phrase.

9. Pica

⇒ behavioral tendency to eat objects that are not food.

10. Sensitivity to External Stimuli

⇒ may become stressed or agitated when exposed to specific noises, bright lights, or particular smells, tastes, or textures.



Autism Data

<https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/data.html>

- ◇ About 1 in 68 children has been identified with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) according to CDC's Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring (ADDM) Network.
- ◇ ASD is reported to occur in all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups.
- ◇ ASD is about 4.5 times more common among boys (1 in 42) than among girls (1 in 189).

Risk Factors and Characteristics

- ◇ Studies have shown that among identical twins, if one child has ASD, then the other will be affected about 36-95% of the time. In non-identical twins, if one child has ASD, then the other is affected about 0-31% of the time.
- ◇ Parents who have a child with ASD have a 2%–18% chance of having a second child who is also affected.
- ◇ ASD tends to occur more often in people who have certain genetic or chromosomal conditions. Almost half (about 44%) of children identified with ASD have average to above average intellectual ability.

Diagnosis

- ◇ Even though ASD can be diagnosed as early as age 2 years, most children are not diagnosed with ASD until after age 4 years.
- ◇ Autistic disorder: 3 years, 10 months
- ◇ The developmental problems before the child's first birthday relates to vision and hearing in the first year, and differences in social, communication, and fine motor skills are evident at 6 months of age.

Economic Costs

- ◇ The total costs per year for children with ASD in the United States is between \$11.5 billion – \$60.9 billion (2011 US dollars).
- ◇ The average medical expenditures exceeds those without ASD by \$4,110–\$6,200 per year.
- ◇ In 2005, the average annual medical costs for Medicaid-enrolled children with ASD was \$10,709 per child, which was about six times higher than costs for children without ASD (\$1,812). In addition to medical costs, intensive behavioral interventions for children with ASD cost \$40,000 to \$60,000 per child per year.

Autism Myths:

<https://www.autismspeaks.org/node/113471>

1. Myth: People with autism don't want friends.

Truth: If someone in your class has autism, they probably struggle with social skills, which may make it difficult to interact with peers. They might seem shy or unfriendly, but that's just because he or she is unable communicate their desire for relationships the same way you do.

2. Myth: People with autism can't feel or express any emotion—happy or sad.

Truth: Autism doesn't make an individual unable to feel the emotions you feel, it just makes the person communicate emotions (and perceive your expressions) in different ways.

3. Myth: People with autism can't understand the emotions of others.

Truth: Autism often affects an individual's ability to understand unspoken interpersonal communication, so someone with autism might not detect sadness based solely on one's body language or sarcasm in one's tone of voice. But, when emotions are communicated more directly, people with autism are much more likely to feel empathy and compassion for others.

4. Myth: People with autism are intellectually disabled.

Truth: Often times, autism brings with it just as many exceptional abilities as limitations. Many people with autism have normal to high IQs and some may excel at math, music or another pursuit.

5. People with autism are just like Dustin Hoffman's character in *Rain Man*.

Truth: Autism is a spectrum disorder, meaning its characteristics vary significantly from person to person. Knowing one person with autism means just that—knowing *one* person with autism. His or her capabilities and limitations are no indication of the capabilities and limitations of another person with autism.

6. Myth: People who display qualities that may be typical of a person with autism are just odd and will grow out of it.

Truth: Autism stems from biological conditions that affect brain development and, for many individuals, is a lifelong condition.

7. Myth: People with autism will have autism forever.

Truth: Recent research has shown that children with autism can make enough improvement after intensive early intervention to "test out" of the autism diagnosis. This is more evidence for the importance of addressing autism when the first signs appear.

8. Myth: Autism is just a brain disorder.

Truth: Research has shown that many people with autism also have gastro-intestinal disorders, food sensitivities, and many allergies.

9. Myth: Autism is caused by bad parenting.

Truth: In the 1950s, a theory called the "refrigerator mother hypothesis" arose suggesting that autism was caused by mothers who lacked emotional warmth. This has long been disproved.

10. Myth: The prevalence of autism has been steadily increasing for the last 40 years.

Truth: The rate of autism has increased by 600% in the last 20 years. In 1975, an estimated 1 in 1,500 had autism. In 2014, an estimated 1 in 68 had an autism spectrum disorder.

11. Myth: Therapies for people with autism are covered by insurance.

Truth: Most insurance companies exclude autism from the coverage plan roughly half of the 50 states currently require coverage for treatments of autism spectrum disorders.

Marion High School

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

School Counselors:

- Dr. Deidra Bowden (A-F and T-Z)
- Mrs. Renata Truewell (G-S)
- Secretary: Mrs. Donnie Watts
- Events/Activities IGP's
 - Counselors will assist students and parents in creating graduation plans and in the selection of courses.
 - All students and parents will make course selections for the 2022-2023 school year.
 - WorkKeys make-up for juniors, April 21, 2022
 - ASVAB Spring Testing – juniors and seniors April 22, 2022 8:30 am (Media Center)
 - Dual Enrollment – Sophomores and juniors with a 3.0 or higher GPA are invited to sign up to take classes from Florence Darlington Technical College for the 2022-2023 school year.
 - FDTC visit, April 25, 2022
 - ACT visit for rising juniors, April 26, 2022
 - Claflin University visited, April 27, 2022
 - WorkKeys testing for seniors, April 28, 2022



High School Diploma Requirements:

Subject	Carnegie Units
English/Language Arts	4
Mathematics	4
Science (1 Unit must be Biology)	3
U.S. History and Constitution	1
Economics	1/2
U.S. Government	1/2
Other Social Studies	1
PE or Jr. ROTC	1
Computer Science	1
Foreign Language or Career and Technology Education	1
Electives	7
TOTAL	24

"I use pain to push me to greatness."

~ Eric Thomas

IMPORTANCE OF ATTENDANCE FOR STUDENTS



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QUENCH CURIOSITY

Attending class regularly is an important part of education and one that will positively impact students for the rest of their lives. By attending class regularly, students have more opportunities to develop good study habits and relationships with their teachers and peers.



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Attendance Reduced Risk Of Dropouts

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Attendance Improved Academic Performance

3

Attendance Higher Chances Of Graduating From College

4

Attendance Increase Chances Of Earning Higher Pay

5

Attendance Increased Chances Of Receiving Job Related Training

6

Attendance Higher Chances Of Earning Certification And Licenses

7

Attendance Higher Chances Of Becoming Employed

8

Attendance Higher Chances Of Getting Into A Good College

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Attendance Aids In Mental And Physical Development

10

Attendance Builds Confidence In Oneself

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Attendance Helps Students Succeed In Life

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COLLEGE INFORMATION



Presbyterian College

Location: Clinton, SC

- ❖ Tuition: \$37,400 same for SC residents.
- ❖ GPA: 3.5
- ❖ Acceptance Rate: 64%
- ❖ Graduation Rate: 79%
- ❖ SAT/ ACT: Optioanal
- ❖ Both Academic and non-academic facot are considered in selecting applicants for admission.



Winthrop University

Location: Rock Hill, SC

- ❖ Tuition: Instate Tuition is \$16,564, Out-of-State Tuition is \$31,312
- ❖ GPA: 3.98
- ❖ Acceptance Rate: 64%
- ❖ Graduation Rate: 57%
- ❖ Crime Rate: 8.59%
- ❖ Average High School GPA of enrolled freshmen: 3.98
- ❖ Average SAT of enrolled freshmen: 1087 (excluding the results of the writing examination)
- ❖ Average ACT of enrolled freshmen: 22



Howard University

Location: Washington DC

- ❖ Tuition: \$26,464 same as District of Columbia residents.
- ❖ GPA: 3.25
- ❖ Acceptance Rate: 3.25%
- ❖ Graduation Rate: 64.01%
- ❖ Crime Rate: 34.68 incidents per 1,000 students.
- ❖ SAT/ACT: 24 for ACT, and 1130 or below for SAT.



East Carolina University

Location: Greenville, NC

- ❖ Tuition: \$7,316 for in-state and \$23,593 for out-of-state students.
- ❖ GPA: 3.59
- ❖ Acceptance Rate: 73.2%
- ❖ Graduation Rate: 62.1%
- ❖ Crime Rate: 22.27 per 1,000 students.
- ❖ SAT/ACT: 1000-1160 for SAT, and 19-24 for ACT.

**READY OR NOT
THERE IS LIFE
AFTER HIGH SCHOOL
- BE PREPARED!**



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Marion1
Marion2

Tessa Roark, 1st Place Speech



Marquese Foxworth,
Executive Director's Award



Destiny Allen,
Executive Director's Award



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Legend Lewis,
2nd Place Career Prep.



Christopher Townsend, 2nd Place Poster



Mihika Patel,
3rd Place Financial Literacy



Ja'Niya Sheppard
Essay Participant



Heaven Collins
Poster Participant



Makayla Zapata
Poetry Participant

