
MARCH IS DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH

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"BE A PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER THAN YOURSELF!"



NATIONAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

- Nearly four million Americans have grown up with severe physical or mental impairments that have slowed their learning, limited their mobility, inhibited their expression, and rendered them dependent on others for care and assistance.
- On February 26, 1987 President Ronald Reagan officially declared Proclamation 5613 making March National Disabilities Awareness Month.
- The proclamation called for people to provide understanding, encouragement, and opportunities to help persons with disabilities to lead productive and fulfilling lives.

WHAT IS A DISORDER?

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- SOCIAL
RELATIONSHIPS???**
- BRUH!**
- We ALL have this in
common!**

Disability Impacts **ALL** of US

COMMUNITIES



HEALTH



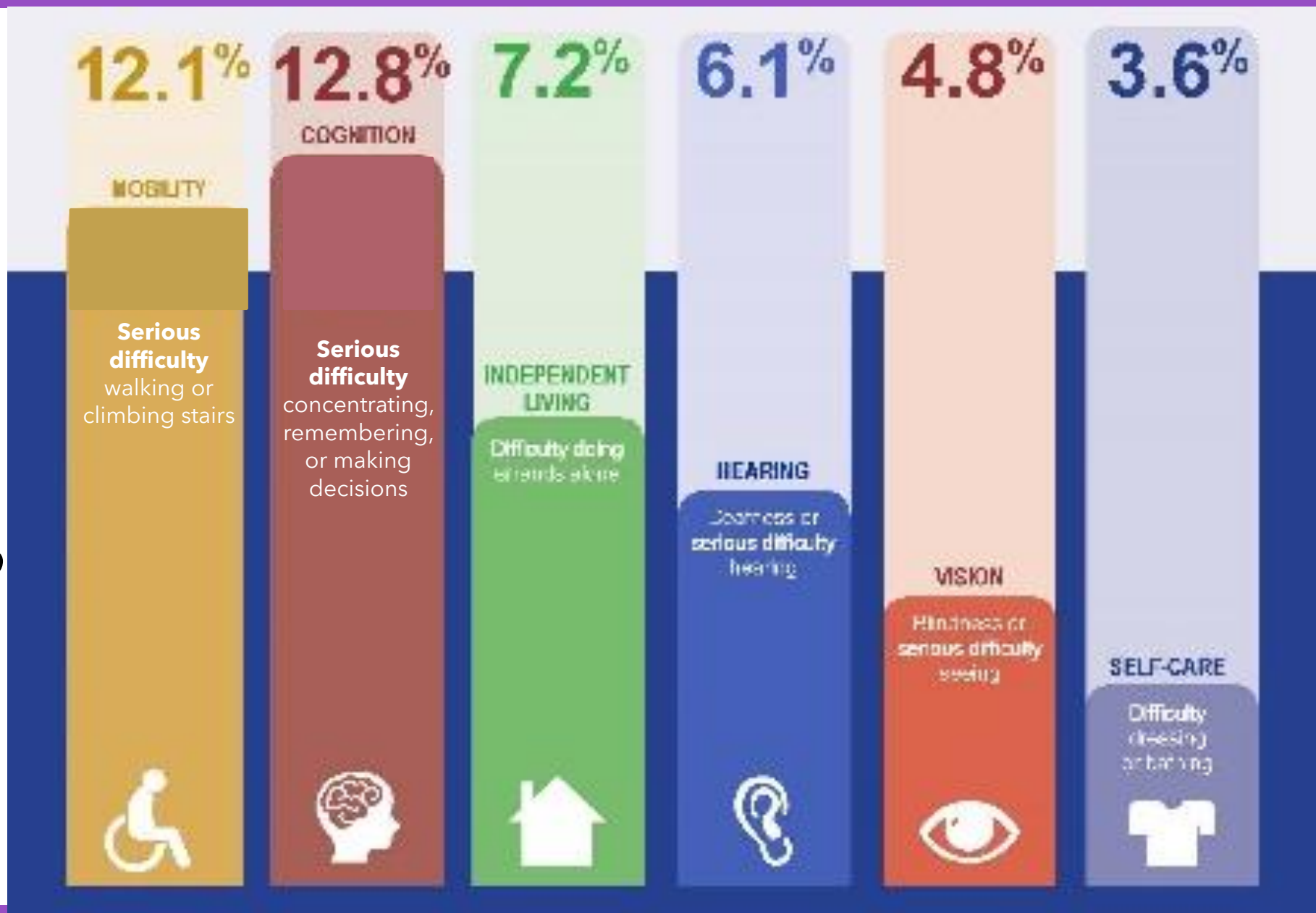
ACCESS



Up to **1 in 4** adults in the United States
(27%) have some type of disability



Here is
what
makes up
that 27%



WHAT IS A ~~DIS~~ABILITY?

[DISABILITY | How You See Me \(youtube.com\)](#)

[Things People With Disabilities Wish You Knew \(youtube.com\)](#)

LET'S FOCUS ON OUR ABILITIES!

- Dis- is a negative prefix
- not or none
- do the opposite of/
deprive of
(a specified quality, rank, or object)
- exclude or expel from
- opposite or absence of



EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS

- Most educators prefer not to use the term handicapped because of its negative implications.
 - You'll more often see terms like ***exceptionality***—this has more positive implications.
- **Intellectual.** This includes students who have superior intelligence as well as those who are slow to learn.
- **Communicative.** These students have special learning disabilities or speech or language impairments.
- **Sensory.** Sensory-grouped students have auditory or visual disabilities.
- **Behavioral.** These students are emotionally disturbed or socially maladjusted.
- **Physical.** This includes students with orthopedic or mobility disabilities.
- **Multiple.** These students have a combination of conditions, such as orthopedically challenged and visually impaired.
- Although statistics are difficult to obtain, it has been estimated that between 10 and 13 percent of the school-age population has exceptionalities. Thus, in an average-size classroom of 25 students, it is conceivable that 3 or 4 individuals will exhibit one or more exceptionalities.

OUR FERRIS FRIENDS WITH EXCEPTIONALITIES

- Ferris has about 1,700 students.
- Roughly 200 Ferris students have a documented disability.
- Roughly 730 Ferris students have taken an AP class.
- How many more of us have an unseen or undiagnosed disability?
- We don't need "fixing."
- We need to know we matter and that we are accepted by our peers.
 - JUST LIKE YOU!
 - We are ALL uniquely EXCEPTIONAL
- Dude. Be Nice.

(Videos of staff and students talking about their abilities and awesomeness will go here)

WHAT IS UNIFIED?

- A Unified Club is a school-based club that promotes inclusion.
- It gives students the opportunity to take a hands-on leadership role in promoting inclusion in their own school environment.
- A Unified Club includes students of all abilities through sports activities and/or social and recreational opportunities.
- Each school can organize their club in a way that works best for their student body.
- Through playing and learning we will create a more inclusive world.



PIC•COLLAGE

OUR FERRIS ATHLETES

(Video that Unified officers made will go here)



Join the FUN!
Help us make Ferris an
even more inclusive and
safe place for all to feel
welcome and belong!

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WE CHALLENGE YOU!

What activity do we want each advisory class to do?

Each wing/hall gets their own puzzle.

Each class has a piece of the puzzle (poster) and decorate?

List their abilities and adjectives that make us awesome?

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