



Bright Spots Presentation

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Background Info



My Bright Spots presentation will be on my school's (Messalonskee High School) Unified Basketball team. The basketball team is coached by Mr. Matt, who is the main ed-tec and has been coaching for more than eight years. I have interviewed Mr. Matt about the unified team and he was glad to do so. Unfortunately though, I do not have a video to show you all, however, the following slides will sum it up...



Question 1: What is unified basketball about?

Answer: “It promotes inclusion, friendship, and understanding.”

The unified basketball team encourages all three of these words. The entirety of the school, both staff and students, love to watch their games and cheer them on.



Question 2: What is the difference between unified and regular basketball?

Answer: “In the state of Maine, unified basketball has three players and two helpers on the court at a time.”

The unified basketball team has varying degrees of differences and similarities between regular basketball. Avoiding the obvious, another big difference between the two is that there are always three unified players from each team on the court, and two other students who willingly volunteered their time to help the unified basketball team.

Question 3: Why did you want to coach unified basketball?

Answer: “I love working and teaching kids sport skills and social confidence and have worked with kiddos on the spectrum for thirty years now and thought I’d be a good fit.”

Mr. Matt greatly enjoys working with these kids and has been teaching and working with them for a super long time! It is great that he loves to do this for a living!



Outro



Overall, the Messalonskee Unified Basketball team, as well as many others, are great programs and experiences for everyone! The unified team has had a great impact on my school and they're looking forward to playing for many more years to come! I thank you all for tuning in and listening to my presentation!

Thank you and goodbye!

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