

## Letter From an Education Student in Special Education & English

To whom it may concern:

Shalom, my name is D.A. and I am a second year student at the David Yellin College of Education in Jerusalem, Israel. I am a regular student in the Al-Yesodi (חתיבת הביניים) track with two concentrations/ majors (התמחויות): English and Special Education. I have taken the Hickey Course this year ... at the college and felt that I extremely benefited from it.

The reason I am writing this letter is to make make my belief clear to the College and those higher up in Misrad Hachinuch (משרד החינוך) that the Hickey course, in my opinion, should be **required** of all English teaching students. Other students who are in my track who also focus in Special Education with English do not feel that they have the tools to teach students in the field. I have heard many times this past year from other students that they feel "unprepared" to teach English to those with Special Needs.

The field of what classifies as Special Needs is expanding tremendously and in all regular classes in Israel. Regular teachers meet students with a variety of special needs every day. With that being said, all English students who are to be the future teachers of English will need tools to successfully educate future students throughout Israel. Therefore, I feel it imperative to voice my opinion to whoever has the power to make some difference, so that future students will feel more equipped when their time comes to enter the classroom and teach well. I trust that you will take my efforts into consideration about this matter with a great deal of respect and concern. Please feel free to contact me for any further inquiries. I thank you in advance.

Respectfully,  
D.A.