What is it?

- All Kinds of Minds (AKOM) is a neurodevelopmental framework that helps us understand how people learn.
Designed for teachers - expert at watching students
Comprehensive yet accessible
Gives teachers the language to describe what they are seeing and strategies to help.
Non-Pathologizing
- A strengths-based model
- “Sticking with the problem” versus being solution-oriented
- The goal is to optimize student learning
Big Ideas in AKOM

- Depathologizing
- Creating a culture of acceptance (and celebration) of difference.
- Treating students equally is inherently unfair.
- Self-awareness for self-advocacy
- Demystification
8 Neurodevelopmental Systems

- Attention
- Memory
- Language
- Higher Order Thinking
- Spatial Ordering
- Temporal-Sequential Ordering
- Neuro-motor functioning
- Social Cognition
The best friends...

- Attention
- Memory
- Language

- And their impact on Higher Order Thinking
More about...

- Neuro-motor functioning
  - Gross motor
  - Fine motor
  - Grapho-motor
More about...

- Spatial Ordering
- Temporal-Sequential Ordering
- Social Cognition
Developing a Learning Profile

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Our role as teachers in supporting our students

I have come to the frightening conclusion that I am the decisive element in the classroom. It’s my personal approach that creates the climate. It’s my daily mood that makes the weather. As a teacher, I possess tremendous power to make a student’s life miserable or joyous. I can be a tool of torture or an implement of inspiration. I can humiliate or humor, hurt or heal. In all situations it is my response that decides whether a crisis will be escalated or de-escalated and a student humanized or de-humanized.

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Want to learn more?

- All Kinds of Minds Website
  http://www.allkindsofminds.org

- For specific strategies relating to the 8 Neuro-developmental Systems
  http://allkindsofminds.org/learning-library