

# I have Special Needs

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I have a need to be treated like everyone else even if I look a little different.

I have a need for you to put aside your ego and listen when I offer to help. You'll find that that I know what I'm talking about, and I'm usually right.

I have a need to be respected. I can tell when people are talking about me behind my back. Talk to my face if you have a problem with something I do.

I have a need for you to recognize that I can tell when you're treating me differently. If you get past the differences, you'll find I can communicate to you better than most teens.

I have a need for praise.

I have a need for stimulation. I don't space out because things are too hard, but because they are too easy.

I have a need to be understood when I don't read a situation correctly. It happens to everyone.

I have need for you to get to know me. Not all kids with the same condition are the same. Blond comes in a million shades- so do learning disorders.

I have a need to be allowed to be me.

Sincerely;

One of you (2 parts smart, 1 part creative, 2 parts caring, 1 part ADHD. Many parts proud.)

Speaking for those with no voice of their own.