

Goals

1. Building a lifetime of confidence and ease in communicating needs, feelings and ideas in social settings.
2. Increasing our understanding of others' needs, feelings and ideas.
3. Developing and understanding appropriate behaviors and responses to situations in social settings.
4. Practicing skills that make these goals possible.

Expectations for AuSM Social Skills Classes

1. AuSM provides programming that is conducive to youth and adults who fall within the wide range of the autism spectrum. Social skills classes are staffed between a 1:3 and 1:4 staff/participant ratio. If an individual is able to participate safely in a program but requires individual assistance with communication, behavior support, or daily living activities, PCA attendance can be approved so the participant may have the most inclusive experience possible. For more information, e-mail education@ausm.org or call 651-647-1083 ext. 22. AuSM is committed to making your class experience positive and rewarding.
2. AuSM will provide a safe and comfortable environment for our classes.
3. Food and meals should be consumed before or after the class meeting. Water is available if needed. A small treat for the group to share at the end of the meeting is fine. Please let us know ahead-of-time if you plan to bring a treat for the group.
4. Please let us know if you will not be attending or will be late to a class in advance.
5. Fidgets are fine, but electronics and large toys are distractions and should be left at home or outside of the class.
6. Class participants will discuss social skills development strategies in the context of having autism.
7. Our hope is that most of the feedback you receive about the AuSM Social Skills class will come directly from participants. However, teachers are available for a conversation about your concerns. Please call the AuSM office at 651.647.1083 ext. 22 or e-mail education@ausm.org.
8. In consultation with the AuSM Executive Director, the AuSM Social Skills Education Specialist reserves the right to remove a participant from class upon continuous unsafe behavior. If the participant is removed from the class, no refunds will be given.