## **Rubric for Information, Support and Strategies for Educators**

**Task Description:** In groups of three, you will research a topic and select appropriate information. Project may be in the form of a brochure, pamphlet, poster or newsletter. Include the following information:

- Name and description of the topic
- Guidelines for educators working with children, including those with special needs
- Listing of support groups for parents
- Instructional strategies for teaching children within your topic area
- Supplemental educational services
- Tips for helping parents manage the special needs child

Criteria	weight	4 – Exemplary	3 – Accomplished	2 – Developing	1 – Beginning
Cooperation	25%	<ul> <li>Assigns a clearly defined role; group members perform roles effectively</li> <li>Always considers all views and helps team to reach fair decision</li> <li>Group tries to solve its problems by itself without seeking outside help</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Assigns roles, but roles are not clearly defined or consistently adhered to</li> <li>Usually considers all views and helps team to reach fair decision</li> <li>Group seldom solves its problems as a team and asks classmates or teacher for help</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Assigns roles, but roles are not adhered to</li> <li>Often sides with friends instead of considering all views</li> <li>Do they settle the problem or give up easily?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No effort made to assign roles to group members</li> <li>Acts as cliques or individuals rather than group</li> <li>Little attempt to solve problems; gives up easily</li> </ul>
Organization	25%	<ul> <li>Takes initiative in helping the group get organized and setting times and places to meet</li> <li>Product is extremely well organized with an introduction, body and conclusion</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Works agreeably with partner(s) concerning organization and times and places to meet</li> <li>Product is organized with an introduction, body and conclusion</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Can be coaxed into meeting with other partner(s)</li> <li>Somewhat organized ideas; not presented in sequence</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Did not meet partner(s) at agreed times or places</li> <li>Lack of organization; choppy and confusing; format difficult to follow</li> </ul>

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Kesearch 25	<ul> <li>Collects and contributes accurate content</li> <li>Goes above and beyond to research information</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Collects and contributes mostly accurate content</li> <li>At times, takes initiative to find extra information</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Collects and contributes somewhat accurate content</li> <li>Uses only materials provided</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Collects and contributes inaccurate content</li> <li>Does not utilize resources effectively</li> </ul>
Member Responsibility	<ul> <li>Provides many ideas for the assignment</li> <li>Clearly communicates desires, ideas, personal needs and feelings</li> <li>Listens and speaks a fair amount</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Participates in discussions about the assignment</li> <li>Usually shares opinions and thoughts with other partner(s)</li> <li>Listens, but sometimes talks too much or too little</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Listens to others; on some occasions, makes suggestions</li> <li>Rarely expresses feelings or preferences</li> <li>Usually does most of the talking, rarely allowing others to speak; or seldom talks, allowing others to dominate</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Seems bored with conversations about the assignment</li> <li>Never/almost never speaks up</li> <li>Monopolizes conversation and does not allow others to speak; or does not contribute to group discussions</li> </ul>

Assignment Score \_\_\_\_\_\_ + Beyonder/Bonus \_\_\_\_\_ = Final Score \_\_\_\_\_