

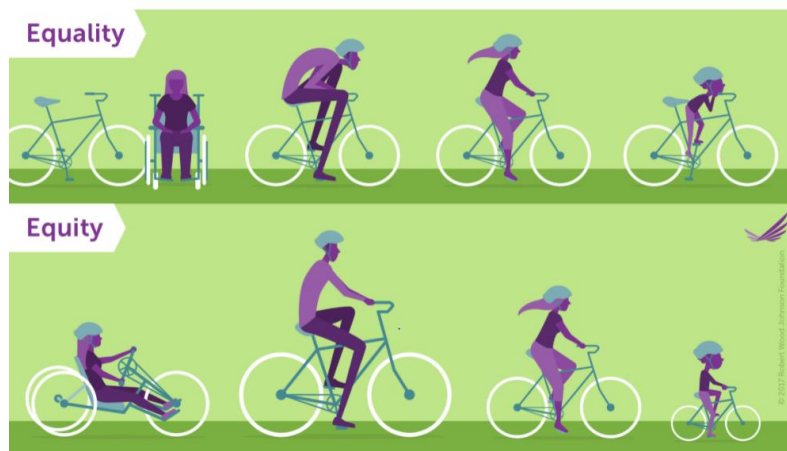
Equity

Definition

Educational equity requires that educational opportunity be calibrated to need, which may include additional and tailored resources and supports to create conditions of true educational opportunity. This idea of equity is different from equality, which connotes the idea that certain goods and services are distributed evenly, irrespective of individual needs or assets.

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Difference Between Equality and Equity



Equity

Equity is the quality of being fair and impartial

Involves treating each individual according to his or her needs

Considers individual needs of people

Equality

Equality is the state or quality of being equal

Involves treating every individual in the same manner, irrespective of their differences

Does not consider needs and requirements of people

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When students experience equitable access to resources, programs, educational opportunities, and learning experiences, it is less likely that their learning outcomes are predictable based on race, gender, zip code, ability, socio-economic status, and/or languages spoken at home. It is more likely that they are proportionally represented in achievement outcomes.