



# UNDERSTANDING AUTISM PODCAST

SEASON 2 EPISODE 31: INTERVIEW WITH JEN  
WILGER OF THE TEMPLE GRANDIN SCHOOL



*Jen Wilger, Co-Founder &  
Executive Director of the  
Temple Grandin School*

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## SHOW SUMMARY

Transitioning from high school to career or college can be challenging to those on the spectrum. In this episode, we interview Jen Wilger of the Temple Grandin School in Boulder, Colorado about the programs and practices the school offers to help students be successful in this important transition.

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SEASON 2 EPISODE 32: INTERVIEW WITH JOIE  
LAYKOFF AND MITCH CARVER OF  
FUSION ACADEMY AND  
FUSION EDUCATION GROUP



*Joie Laykoff, Senior Director of the  
Teaching and Learning for Fusion  
Education Group*



*Mitch Carver, Head of School  
Fusion Academy, Boulder, Colorado*

## SHOW SUMMARY

In this episode, we continue our conversation about the role that education plays in preparing neurodivergent students for independence. Joie Laykoff is the Senior Director of Teaching and Learning of Fusion Education Group. Mitch Carver is Head of School for Fusion Academy in Boulder, Colorado. Together, they discuss Fusion Academy's 1:1 teacher/student ratio, their personalization of learning for each student, and the impact these have on student success.

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