

# Differentiation

is a teacher's proactive response to learner needs

shaped by mindset and guided by general principles of differentiation

An environment that encourages and supports learning

Quality curriculum

Assessment that informs teaching and learning

Instruction that responds to student variance

Leading students and managing routines

Teachers can differentiate through...

**Content:**  
What concepts and information students learn to reach goals

**Process:**  
How students take in and make sense of the content

**Product:**  
How students show what they know, understand, and can do

**Environment and Affect:**  
The climate or tone of the classroom

According to students'...

**Readiness:**  
A student's proximity/ point of entry to learning targets

**Interests:**  
Passions, affinities, and kinships that motivate learning

**Learning Profile:**  
Preferred approaches to learning

through a variety of strategies such as:

learning/ interest centers, RAFTs, thinking maps, learning contracts, tiering, orbital studies, web inquiry activities, differentiated homework, product options, choiceboard/ menus, scaffolded reading and writing