



# Differentiated Instruction

## Getting to the Core

# Differentiated Instruction

- Presented by
- Dr. Maria Aida Alanis
- July 2010



# Differentiated Instruction

- The process of addressing the needs of *all learners* in the classroom while accessing to a high standard based educational curriculum.



# Learners in the Classroom

- Struggling Learners
- Advanced Learners
- Students with varied cultural heritages and languages
- Students with different background experiences



# Teachers

- Teachers in differentiated classrooms are more in touch with students and view teaching more as an art than as a mechanical exercise



# Teachers

- Begin where students are
- Understand that learners differ in important ways
- Use different learning modalities
- Use varied rates of instruction and varied degrees of complexity
- Hold students to high standards



# Teachers

- Use time flexibly
- Utilize a range of instructional strategies
- Prescribe the best instruction to match the learner needs
- Do not force fit learners to a standard mold



# Teachers

- Recognize that learners not only bring commonalities to the classroom but that they bring differences that distinguishes them as individuals





# Principles of Differentiation

- Respectful tasks
- Flexible groups
- Continuous assessment and adjustments



# Differentiate In.....

- Content

- Process

- Product



# Learner Considerations

- Readiness
- Interests
- Learning Profiles



# Strategies

- Teachers need a range of instructional and management strategies to differentiate instruction and meet the needs of all learners.



# Instructional

- Multiple Intelligences
- Varied Texts
- Tiered Lessons
- Small group instruction
- Varied Organizers



# Management

- Interest Centers
- Small-group Instruction
- Interest Groups
- Compacting
- Varied Journal prompts



# Concluding Thoughts

- “Differentiated instruction isn’t a strategy. It’s a way of thinking about all you do when you teach and all that kids do when they learn.”
- The Differentiated Classroom
- Carol Ann Tomlinson

