

Teaching Diverse Populations: Differentiated Instruction

Each and every student presents different needs within a classroom. Differentiated instruction is critical to realizing NCTM's core principle of equity in mathematics education: high expectations and strong support for all learners. Students may be disabled (cognitively, physically, socially, or emotionally), gifted or mathematically sophisticated, culturally or linguistically diverse, or among those who struggle for success. They require instruction that varies greatly. How can teachers effectively meet the needs of all learners?

The Editorial Panel of MTMS invites you to share

- same classroom to ensure that each student is both challenged and supported?
- What interventions, technologies, or strategies prove most effective in "closing the gap" in mathematics achievement, especially for disabled and ELL youth?
- How can you use formal and informal assessments to guide instruction for a diverse student population?
- How do you motivate students who have previously struggled in mathematics? What enhancements must be implemented to keep mathematically gifted students engaged?