

Meeting Student Needs Through Differentiation (20 pts)

Part 1: Review the articles and videos provided in this assignment:

1. Advancing Differentiation: Thinking and Learning for the 21st Century (Revised & Updated)

- Read "Defining How Differentiation Looks in Today's Classroom" pages 10-27, "Advancing Differentiation to New Levels Through a Rigorous Curriculum" pages 55-62 and "Walkthrough Checklist of Differentiation for Advancing Learning" page 63 in *Advancing Differentiation: Thinking and Learning for the 21st Century* .

2. Understanding Differentiated Instruction

- Read Chapter 1, [Understanding Differentiated Instruction: Building a Foundation for Leadership](#).

3. Meeting the Needs of Gifted Students (see attachment below): *Although this publication focuses on math and science, much of the information is useful for all disciplines.*

4. Tips and Strategies for Effective

Differentiation. This [video](#) gives teachers insight into how to meet the needs of all students through differentiation of presentation, process, and/or product.

5. Differentiating Curriculum for Gifted Students

- [Differentiating Curriculum for Gifted Students](#)

6. Differentiating Learning for Gifted Students

- [Differentiating Learning for Gifted Students](#)

7. Differentiation Through Learner Responses (see attachment below). This article is from *Gifted Child Quarterly*.

Part 2: After reading the articles and viewing the videos provided, answer the following questions on the template (Meeting Student Needs through Differentiation Reflection) below:

1. In your own words, define differentiation.
2. **Elementary:** Explain why it is important to differentiate for gifted and high-achieving learners, just as we do for low learners.
Middle/High: In your leveled classrooms, why is it still important to consider the specific needs of students so that you differentiate appropriately for the range of students found in the class.
3. When planning for your gifted and high achievers, what specific academic needs are your instructional strategies intended to meet?

You should reference the articles using APA formatting.