

What is Differentiation?

Differentiation means “*changing the pace, level, or kind of instruction you provide in response to individual learners’ needs, styles or interests*”.

- Heacox (2002)

“Differentiation is a teaching philosophy based on the premise that teachers should adapt instruction to student differences”.

- Willis, S. & Mann, L., (2000)

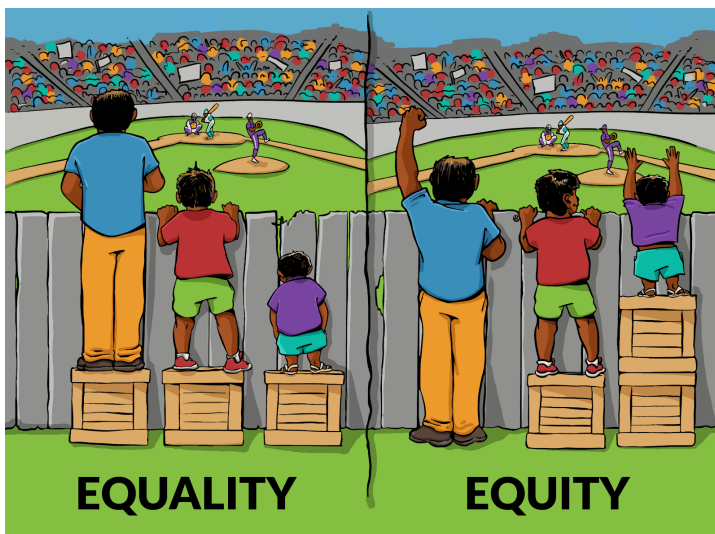
In simple terms, differentiation in teaching and learning means ensuring that all children in the learning environment can **access the learning**. A differentiated classroom is always ‘**child centered**’.

How do we differentiate?

Classroom teachers differentiate on a daily basis through various means. Some of the most routine forms of differentiation we use on a daily basis include:

- ★ Classroom organisation
- ★ Learning objectives
- ★ Tasks and activities
- ★ Questioning
- ★ Homework

Why do we differentiate? It’s simple!



Differentiation is a
cornerstone of inclusive
education.

