

## Characteristics of Differentiation

What is differentiation?

Using as many different methods as necessary to increase and ensure the learning of students.

What is not differentiation?

Using the same methods used many years previous. Such as having students come up to the board to perform math problems, when the students could work in groups to foster social learning and concept mastery.

How does technology incorporate?

Technology represents the modern approach to life. When reading students can now read on E-readers or computer based programs instead of a traditional book. This approach may motivate students as well as increase comprehension

## Parent/ Guardian Feedback:

I found this pamphlet:

**Informational**

**Ineffective**

I want to be informed of some of the new methods used to teach my student in the classroom

**YES**

**NO**

**Comments:**

## Technology and It's Advantages

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## Technological Role and Advantages

The role of technology in the classroom is to offer a different approach to effective learning.

Many students can use technology as an avenue for motivation in the classroom. Most students today are so familiar with some type of technology whether it be a computer, iPod, or even a cell phone. Using them in the classroom allows the student to learn on a device that they already enjoy and to also have fun at the same time.

Using technology can offer more of a familiar environment and also independent assistance for students. Many of the previous technologies mentioned have embedded or broadcasted programs that help them with specific areas of instruction. For example, iPods have podcasts that are free to download that will help the student pronounce different words as they are reading.

### Technology I would like to Incorporate

Computer/ Stationary Laptops– I would like to have access to laptops for each student that would be left in the classroom. By using laptops students can use different programs for paper research and also reading programs. I as a teacher can also create programs like wikispaces to unite the classroom as a whole and to provide an academic resource for my students.

E-readers– I myself have a Nook manufactured from Barnes and Noble and find it extremely valuable. Some students get overwhelmed when reading a traditional book or have trouble deciphering words or different texts. On a device such as the Nook, students are able to adjust text font and size. They also have an au-

dio option that allows them to have an entire book read to them or just a single word. Also already embedded into the device itself is a dictionary and thesaurus that is a complete reference for the students. The students are also able to highlight text and record notes within the pages of the material.

The greatest advantage of technological devices is that they are widely accessible and portable. Instead of carrying around multiple books and textbooks, a student can have a computer that stores all magnitudes of information or an E-reader that can store all the reading material for their classes.