Differentiated Instruction

4b. Scaffolding/Universal Design for Learning practices are demonstrated.

Quality indicators:

- Teachers differentiate instruction for children in need.
- References to differentiated instructional strategies are included in the lesson plan books.
- Teachers recognize children's different levels of participation and make changes as needed.
- All children are active participants in each instructional lesson.



Questions to ask:

- ✓ What resources do you use to support scaffolding of instruction?
- ✓ Where do you address differentiated instruction in your lesson plans?
- ✓ How do you include all children as active participants in the lessons or class activities?



Supports, Accommodations, Adaptations

Universal Supports

- → Educate yourself on special needs of some children and identify strategies that might work.
- → Discuss special needs and special talents with children in the classroom.
- → Let children experience assistive devices so that all children in the class are exposed to them.
- → Provide accommodations such as additional time for tasks, specialized materials, repeated instruction, and frequent feedback to all students.

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Resources for Universal Design for Learning -TATS page

Embracing Inclusion in Early Childhood

Internet Resources related to Inclusion

Targeted/Specialized Supports

- → Provide environmental supports by using pictures, symbols and visual cues throughout the classroom.
- → Provide picture, photo, or objects for schedules, first/then strategies, and transition supports.
- → Provide support with materials regarding placement of materials for access and stabilization. Use specialized materials as appropriate for children's needs.
- → Present curriculum in manageable pieces that are broken into small pieces.
- → Employ the use of peer buddies for social interaction and mild assistance with activities.

<u>Individualizing Instruction in Preschool</u> <u>Classrooms</u>

<u>A Guide for Inclusion - Individualizing</u> <u>Instruction (Head Start)</u>

<u>VPK Teacher Toolkit - Scaffolding Language and Vocabulary</u>

<u>Overview of Individualized Supports and</u> Accommodatioins

Intensive Interventions

- → Prompt and assist children in making responses.
- → Provide and facilitate the use of adaptive materials.
- → Provide accommodations by reducing the number of required steps for completing a task.
- → Provide special equipment and adapted materials.

<u>Overview of Interrelatedness of Developmental</u> Domains

Embedding Individualized Instruction, Modifications, Adaptations

<u>Tips for Teachers of Children with Multiple</u> Disabilities