

Innovation Elementary Differentiation Report 2024-25

 Second Quarter	Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5

We adjusted the general education curriculum to provide opportunities for daily differentiation for advanced learners via:

collaborative planning and/or co-teaching with the AAC	X	X	X	X	X	X
implementation of Critical and Creative Thinking strategies	X	X	X	X	X	X
use of curriculum designed for high-ability learners		X	X	X	X	X

We spent time learning these Critical and Creative Thinking (CCT) Strategies:

Big Ideas						
Overarching Concepts (Change, Patterns, Systems, Perspectives, Cause/Effect, Cycles), Taba Concept Development	X	X	X	X	X	X
Critical Thinking Models						
Frustration Model, Future Problem Solving, Hamburger Model of Persuasive Writing, Jacob's Ladder, Literature Web, Paul's Elements of Reasoning, Research Model, Vocabulary Web			X	X	X	X
Creative Thinking						
Creative Problem Solving (CPS), Fluency, Flexibility, Originality, Elaboration (FFOE), SCAMPER				X		X
Decisions and Outcomes						
Ethical Thinking, Habits of Mind, Plus, Minus, Interesting (PMI), Problem-Based Learning, Project-Based Learning	X	X	X	X	X	X
Making Connections						
Analogies, Encapsulation, Mind-Mapping, Synectics, Visualization		X		X	X	
Point of View (Different Perspectives)						
Debates, deBono's Hats, RAFT, Socratic Seminar, Literature Circles, Structured Academic Controversy			X	X	X	X
Questioning						
Bloom's Taxonomy, Levels of Questioning	X	X	X	X	X	X

We differentiated academic content via:

Independent research	X	X	X	X	X	X
Complex, advanced content			X	X	X	X
Content-related themes, issues, problems	X	X	X	X	X	X
Real-world application of knowledge		X		X	X	X
Compacted or accelerated curriculum						
Other: Small group targeted phonics instruction/extension	X	X	X	X	X	
Other: Small group targeted math instruction/enrichment	X	X	X	X	X	X

We differentiated academic processes via:

Collaboration with peers	X	X	X	X	X	X
Creative/innovative thinking	X	X	X	X	X	X
Critical/analytical thinking	X	X	X	X	X	X
Reflective thinking (metacognition)			X	X	X	X
Advanced reasoning and problem solving				X	X	X
Other: Small group targeted phonics instruction/extension	X	X	X	X	X	X
Other: Small group targeted math instruction/enrichment	X	X	X	X	X	X

Strategies listed above are not exhaustive, nor are they necessarily appropriate for each unit or each content area. Innovation's goal is that throughout the school year, all students will engage in high-level critical thinking through a variety of formats when it is appropriate to the curriculum or standards being taught.