

DIFFERENTIATION TIPS for Advanced Learners

- Advanced students should always get credit for skills or content they have mastered. Grading advanced activities needs to be a discussion between the student, parent(s) and you.
- Continue to keep records of students' progress, even if not grading them.
- If a student would rather stay with you during the lesson, be sure their assignment is more challenging than the rest.
- Do NOT ask advanced students to tutor or help those who need more practice.
- Allow students to explore their own topics of interest.
- Make sure differentiation allows for:
 - DEPTH – attends to different language, recognizing patterns, being aware of trends, and understanding all the details.
 - COMPLEXITY – is the ability to make connections and understand interactions over time and to study a situation from several perspectives. To apply skills across disciplines, locations, and cultures.
 - NOVELTY – recognizes enthusiasm of advanced learners for unusual topics.