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# Facilitating Equitable Classrooms

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## Description

Public education serves all students and works to close the achievement gap currently present in our society. This module aims to help assist educational stakeholders best support all students through differentiation and best practices. Most of the suggestions and strategies can work in any classroom environment. At the core of this module, however, one must understand that respect is essential between all stakeholders - especially teachers and students - to have an effective classroom community.

## Subjects

equity, classroom equity, classroom community, differentiation, student-centered

## Terms of Use

The learning cycle featured in this project is based on the STAR Legacy Cycle developed by the IRIS Center (2013;<http://iris.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/>) and based on the work of Dr. John Bransford and colleagues (National Research Council, 2000).

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