

# Equity in the Classroom

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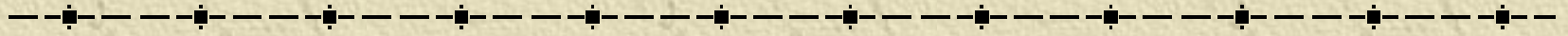
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# Our Diverse Classrooms

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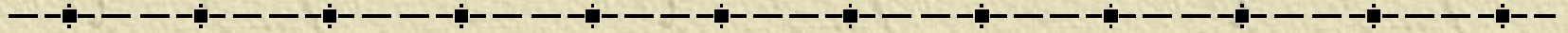
- ✦ **Take a minute or two and write down all the groups that are represented in your classroom.**
- ✦ **Do you think all students in all diverse groups in your classroom are learning to their best of their abilities? Are you creating a learning environment for them to do so?**

# A Definition of Equity in the Classroom



**✦ A classroom in which the teacher offers a variety of instruction so that all students can achieve the same high level of expectations and standards.**

# Some Barriers to Equity in the Classroom



✦ **Attitudes and Beliefs**

✦ **Expectations**

✦ **Lack of Understanding of Cultural Differences**

# 8 Strategies to Increase Achievement by All Students

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- ✦ **Use reality-based learning approaches**
- ✦ **Involve students actively**
- ✦ **Consider student learning styles**
- ✦ **Model behaviors we want students to show**
- ✦ **Use a multicultural teaching approach**
- ✦ **Use alternative assessments**
- ✦ **Maintain high standards and expectations**
- ✦ **Capitalize on student's backgrounds**

*Source: Educating Everybody's Children: Diverse Teaching Strategies for Diverse Learners. Alexandria, VA. Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. 1995)*