Universal Design for Learning

What is it?

In every classroom there are students who struggle...

- Some have a hard time with reading
- Others have trouble with written output (writing)

There are many ways to support struggling learners...

Several Technologies are making this task much easier for educators, parents and leaners alike.

Some examples of ways to support learners include:

- Text to speech software (reads texts to student)

- Scribing software (writes what is read aloud into document form)

- Calculators, Ipads, Laptops, hearing devices, glasses, motorized wheelchairs, tablets...are all assistive technologies!

The key is to <u>know your learners</u> and their strengths and weaknesses so that you can plan for their needs when creating lessons and assignments.

- Universal Design for Learning should be woven into your lessons so that no one notices...and no one is left feeling frustrated!

Gifted learners also benefit from UDL...

- By providing options for expression, gifted learners are given freedom to express themselves more meaningfully and uniquely.

When UDL practices are used, then ALL students have equal access to all learning!

Teachers can then facilitate and monitor progress instead of making accommodations "on the fly."