

# Teaching Tip Tuesday

## Scaffolded Learning

In education, scaffolding refers to a system of supports provided to learners to help them move toward greater understanding, and achievement of higher learning outcomes, than could be reached without support.

### Student Benefits

- Incremental learning for students at all levels.
- Provides level-appropriate challenge to diverse learners
- Produces higher achievement of learning outcomes.
- Reduction in stress and anxiety associated with difficult tasks.
- Increases student motivation.
- Improves classroom climate.
- Helps students develop into independent learners.

### Scaffolding Strategies

- Break large assignments into small, manageable chunks that allow feedback before completion of next chunk.
- Present complex vocabulary BEFORE the reading or lesson.
- Out-of-class reviews of prior knowledge required to succeed.
- Increased details in explanations of projects.
- Access to grading rubrics with detailed criteria.
- Demonstrate how to solve complex problems, using a Teacher-class-group-individual progression.
- Multiple attempts or revisions accepted for quizzes and assignments.