

Specially Designed Instruction

SDI is intended to adapt the content, method, and/or instructional delivery to address the unique needs of a student. SDI ensures access to grade-level Arizona Academic Standards.

IS

In addition to core instruction
(supplemental)

A service or support

What qualified personnel do

Teaching of specific skills identified as
learning barriers

An important feature of a program and/or
unique instruction

Specific to the student (individualized)

Presumption of high expectations and
supporting students in the general
education setting

Presumption of independence

Presumption of competence

IS NOT

In place of core instruction (supplant)

An LRE placement

What a student does

A restatement of academic content being
taught to all students

Naming a specific program that replaces a
special education service

Driven by programs or schedules

Lowering expectations and/or removing
students from the general education
setting

Presumption of dependence

Presumption of incompetence