

# Classroom Essentials

- **The personality of the teacher is everything.**
  - Teachers make or break the class usually in the first 5 minutes.
- **Variety of instruction is the key.**
  - Every 10 to 15 minutes there should be a classroom transition.
- **Class size is the third critical factor.**
  - Class size has a direct impact on variety of instruction.
- **Scope and sequence of classes needs to be benchmark driven.**
  - Students should be on a path to proficiency based on the required classes.
- **The number of class preparations needs to be managed to as few as possible per term.**
  - When teachers have 2 or less class preparations per term our expectations for them should go up.

A teacher's instructional day is based on how many performances a day, the number of different performances, and the number of students they are asked to manage.