

TOP 10 WAYS TO IMPROVE TIER 1 INSTRUCTION

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Get Explicit

State what you want students to do and provide a direct model.

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Increase Engagement

Get students talking, writing, and interacting via partners, choral responding, and the use of silent signals.

Sequence Skills

Think about the order in which you teach things and what pre-requisites are required.

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Practice to Automaticity

Provide multiple practice opportunities with skills that students can perform with 100% accuracy. Use centers and homework only for practicing skills that students can do accurately on their own.

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Think From Speech to Print

When students want to know how to spell a word, cue them to say the phonemes and then match graphemes to the phonemes.

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Provide Cumulative Review

Review previously taught content before introducing new content.

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Integrate the Big Five

Take advantage of the reciprocal nature of the five essential literacy skill areas and integrate instruction on skills such as phonics and spelling.

Manage Transitions

Increase academic engaged time by reducing transitions with silent signals and routines.

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Provide Immediate Corrective Feedback

Don't let students practice mistakes.

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Use Assessment Data

Get clear about what your students know and what they need to learn next.