The Big Ideas of Effective Instruction
Within an MTSS Framework

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Favorite Saying

“Everyone believes that to be a good teacher all you need is to love to teach, but no one believes that to be a good surgeon all you need is to love to cut!”

(Quote by Adam Urbanski, AFT)
MTSS: Multi-Tiered System of Supports

Tier 1: General Education (Core)
Tier 2: Strategic Intervention (Supplemental)
Tier 3: Intensive Intervention (Possibly Special Education)
Tier 4: Additional Tier (Special Education)

Instruction Matters!

To improve academic performance, we need:

- Solid instructional programs
- Well trained instructors
- Effective instructional delivery

(Sources: Carnine, Silbert, Kame’eenui, & Tarver, 2010; Marchand-Martella & Martella, 2012; Watkins & Slocum, 2004)

Scripted Programs

- Cooke et al. (2011) compared scripted and nonscripted instruction
  - Results with scripted instruction:
    - Higher number of instructional opportunities
    - Better on-task behavior /fewer behavior problems
    - Better academic performance on DIBELS benchmarks
    - Higher treatment fidelity
    - Preferred by participants [instructors and students]
Why Use a Script?

- Ensures consistency across instructors.
- Allows instructors to achieve same results as those found in field testing/research studies.
- Builds prerequisite skills in a systematic way.
- Frees instructors from having to develop programs on their own so they can focus their attention on assessment, extension activities, etc.
- Helps ensure higher academic performance, better on task behavior, positive responses, etc.

Some Say Those Who Follow A Script Are Like “Trained Monkeys”
Let’s Take a Look at Big DI

Introduction to Direct Instruction
What is Direct Instruction?
**Introduction to Direct Instruction**

What is the Research Base on Direct Instruction?

- Largest educational experiment ever conducted (over 100,000 children/170 communities).
- 3 models (basic skills/cognitive/affective) evaluated using basic skills/cognitive/affective measures.
- 9 programs evaluated.
- DI outperformed all other programs across basic, cognitive, and affective areas.
Effective Instruction
1. Set Expectations

Research Behind Expectations

• Classroom organization is enhanced with the use of expectations (Babkie, 2006; Hirn & Park, 2012; Kern & Clemens, 2007; Trussell, 2008).

• When teachers use and teach effective expectations, the probability of problem behaviors occurring can be decreased (Barbeta, Norona, & Bicard, 2005; Kern & Clemens, 2007; Reinke, Herman, & Stormont, 2013).

• Appropriate behavior is much more likely to occur, and the class is more likely to run smoothly when expectations are taught (Archer & Hughes, 2011).
Development of Effective Expectations

- Discuss value with students
- Gather input from students
- Keep to a minimum (4-5)
- Use simple language
- State positively
- Use different sets for different situations
- Post in prominent location
- Monitor and review periodically

(Sources: Martella, Nelson, Marchand-Martella, & O’Reilly, 2012; Weiss, 2013)

In the Classroom...

- Pinpoint and Teach Expectations
STAR

SIT TALL (OR) SIT IN THE LEARNING POSITION

TRACK WITH YOUR FINGER

ANSWER ON SIGNAL

RESPECT OTHERS

ACES

ATTEND TO THE TEACHER

COLLABORATE WITH YOUR PARTNER

EXPRESS YOURSELF THROUGH THOUGHTFUL COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

SHOW YOUR BEST WORK
Classroom Expectations Examples

Circle Time Conversation Rules
When someone else is speaking our:

- **EYES** are on that person.
- **EARS** are listening.
- **Voices** are quiet.

Give Me Five

- Hands are still
- Eyes are listening
- Ears are listening
- Legs are crossed
- Lips are closed

SLANT

**S** = Sit up

**L** = Listen/lean forward

**A** = Ask and answer questions

**N** = Nod your head

**T** = Track the speaker
Three “Do Its”

I DO IT
WE DO IT
YOU DO IT

Sit tall.

(Sources: Archer & Hughes, 2011; Weiss, 2013)

It's Your Turn!
2. Increase Active Student Engagement

- High levels of opportunities for students to respond (OTRs) improve appropriate academic and social behaviors (Moore Partin et al., 2010; Stichter et al., 2009).

- Success promotes success. When students respond correctly and frequently, they learn more and misbehave less (Haydon, MacSuga-Gage, Simonsen, & Hawkins, 2012; MacSuga-Gage, Simonsen, & Briere, 2012; Stichter et al., 2009; Sutherland, Alder, & Gunter, 2003).

- “Research demonstrates the positive effects of teachers increasing OTRs, including (a) decreases in disruptive behavior and (b) increases in on-task behavior, academic engagement, and the number of correct responses” (Simonsen, Myers, & DeLuca, 2010, p. 303).
Considerations in Active Student Engagement

Provide opportunities for students to respond “as one.”
Let’s Analyze his Teaching!

Activity 8
Sounding Out
(When you go through the list of words, distinguish between the letters m and n before sounding out each word.)
1. What is this letter's sound? mm/n
2. Sound it out. Slide your finger under each letter as students sound out. /ma/ /nn/n
3. Repeat the process with the following words: an, ant, am, nat
4. Read it fast. an

Notes:
- When you come to the word sat, say
- The next 2 words have no dots. Sound them out the way you always do.
- Touch under the m when you come to ram.

Individual Practice
Provide individual practice.

Rule of Thumb:
1. Unison Group Responses—Students say it like they know it as one!
2. Time for Turns—Name is at the end!
3. Provide Praise

It's Your Turn!
Research Behind Praise

The importance of praise cannot be overstated.

• Praise has been cited as an effective strategy for promoting school achievement and positive classroom behavior (Kern & Clemens, 2007; Martella, Marchand-Martella, & Cleanthous, 2002; Martella et al., 2012; Moore Partin et al., 2010; Musti-Rao & Haydon, 2011; Reinke et al., 2013; Simonsen et al., 2010).

• Even among students with high externalizing behaviors, praise has been found to decrease problem behavior (Reinke et al., 2013).

Praise Considerations

• **Specific praise statements** are precise statements made in a neutral or positive/pleasant tone of voice that are positive responses to desired behaviors (e.g., “Good job cleaning up the playground,” rather than “Good job”).

• The performance criterion for specific praise is 50% (Martella, Marchand-Martella, Miller, Young, & Macfarlane, 1995; Martella, Marchand-Martella, Young, & Mcfarlane, 1995; Martella et al., 2012) OR 6 to 10 individual student and/or whole group praise statements per 15-minute interval (Briere, Simonsen, Sugai, & Myers, 2015).

• Increasing specific praise is associated with increases in students’ on-task behavior (Briere et al., 2015; Simonsen, Fairbanks, Briesch, Myers, & Sugai, 2008; Simonsen et al., 2010).
In the Classroom...

1. Use sticky notes (pair tallies with praise).
2. Praise students based on group expectations (e.g., “Wow, everyone is tracking”); use teacher-kid point game.
3. Have “eagle eyes” for good behavior (5 to 1 rule)!
4. Use praise around technique (e.g., “I like the way Jim and Beth and Sarah are tracking with their finger;” be sure to praise Sally when she begins to track with her finger).
Activity 8
Sounding Out
(When you go through the list of words, distinguish between the letters m and n before sounding out each word.)
(Touch under the m in an.) What is this letter’s sound? Read
Sound it out. (Slide your finger under each letter as students sound out.) /an/ /nn/
Read it fast.
Repeat the process with the following words: ant, nat, *sat, *ram.

Note: *When you come to the word sat, say:*
This next 2 words have no dots. Sound them out the way you always do.
**(Touch under the m when you come to ram. Follow the procedure.**
What is this letter’s sound? /mmm/ Read it out. /an/ /nn/ /mm/
Read it fast. ram

Individual Practice
(Provide individual practice.)
Good reading. What should I do now? Put a check mark on the lesson Mastery Sheet.

Rule of Thumb:
1. General Praise
2. Specific Praise
3. 50/50 Rule

It’s Your Turn!
4. Conduct Error Correction Procedures
Research Behind Error Corrections

• Effective corrective feedback is a critical aspect of effective instruction (Hirn & Park, 2012).

• Without such feedback, students who commit errors will continue to practice those errors (Vaughn & Bos, 2012).

• Behavior problems are likely when students exhibit a high number of errors (Martella, Marchand-Martella, Miller et al., 1995; Martella, Marchand-Martella, Young et al., 1995; Martella et al., 2012).

(Source: Martella et al., 2012; Weiss, 2013)

Research Behind Error Corrections

• Appropriate error corrections include a model, lead, test, and delayed test. Error correction procedures should be stated in a neutral tone of voice. Teachers should avoid using an inflected tone of voice that indicates negativity and saying phrases such as “That’s not right,” “You’re not trying,” and “You can do better than that.”

(Source: Martella et al., 2012; Weiss, 2013)
Response Errors:
1. My turn.
2. Your turn.
3. Starting over.

Signal Errors:
1. I need to hear everyone. OR All voices. OR Right at my signal.
2. Repeat task.
3. Starting over.

I am Nat.

I am a ram.

Sam is a rat.

Sam and Nat sat on the mat.
Practice
4 BIG IDEAS of Effective Classroom Instruction

1. Set expectations
2. Increase student engagement
3. Provide praise
4. Conduct error correction procedures

Remember to use Explicit Instruction!

By the Tier…

Tier 3: Intensive Intervention (Possibly Special Education)
Tier 2: Strategic Intervention (Supplemental)
Tier 1: General Education (Core)

### Tier 1

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<td>Grouping</td>
<td>Multiple grouping formats to meet student needs</td>
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<td>Time</td>
<td>90 minutes per day or more</td>
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### Tier 2

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<th>For students who are not reaching acceptable levels of proficiency and who have responded poorly to Tier 1 efforts—approximately 20–30% of the students</th>
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<td>Program</td>
<td>Scientifically-based instruction emphasizing the five critical elements of beginning reading and the foundation of math principles</td>
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<td>Grouping</td>
<td>Homogeneous small-group instruction (1:3, 1:4, or 1:5)</td>
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<td>Time</td>
<td>Minimum 30 minutes per day in small group instruction in addition to 90 minutes of core reading instruction</td>
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<td>Personnel determined by the school (e.g., classroom teacher, specialized reading teacher, or Title I teacher)</td>
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Tier 3

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Road Maps
Let’s talk programs!

Tier 3: Intensive Intervention (Possibly Special Education)
Tier 2: Strategic Intervention (Supplemental)
Tier 1: General Education (Core)