



# Implementing a Three Tier Literacy Model

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# Why are we here and what do we need?

How do we build a system of excellence?

How do we take all the resources we have in district/ building and match them to the instructional needs of the students all the way from the highest performing student to the lowest performing student?

How do we do that in a practical, doable manner.



# What is the Rationale for RtI?

- We need one process in our schools to make instructional decisions that are:
  - Efficient
  - Proactive
  - Based on early intervention
  - Used to match resources to needs
  - Integrated
  - Focused on student learning



# Response to Intervention

“Response to Intervention (RtI) is the practice of providing high-quality instruction and interventions matched to student needs, monitoring progress frequently to make decisions about changes in instruction or goals and applying child response data to important educational decisions.”



# Rtl - What it is and What it is Not

Is Not	Is
An instructional program	A framework to implement effective practices
Intended to encourage placement of students	Matching needs and resources
Possible to implement alone	A collaborative effort
The same for every school	Uniquely designed for each building
A special education, a general education, a Title 1, a Talented and Gifted initiative	An “Every” Education Initiative



# Guiding Principles of RtI

- ALL students are part of **ONE proactive** educational system
  - Belief that **ALL** students can learn
  - Use **ALL** available resources to teach **ALL** students

• **Proactive** approach uses data early to determine student needs and intervene.

• **Reactive** approach intervenes after students have shown a history of failure to meet expectations/or when learning “flat lines” due to lack of challenge.



## Reactive or Proactive?

- Begin the first week of school with intervention support for students in need.
- Assess students after the first month of school. Begin intervention support for students in need at the beginning of the second month of school.



## Reactive or Proactive?

- The unit pre-test shows that the majority of students are missing key enabling skills. The teacher adjusts the unit to include more teaching on enabling skills.
- Teacher teaches the unit. At the end of the unit the majority of students fail the test.





# Guiding Principles of RtI

## 2. Use scientific, research-based instruction

- Curriculum and instructional approaches must have a high probability of success for most students.
- Use instructional time efficiently and effectively.



# Guiding Principles of RtI

## 3. Use instructionally relevant assessments

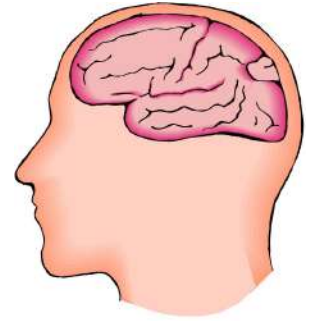
- Reliable and valid
- Multiple purposes
- **Screening-** Collecting data for the purpose of identifying low and high performing students at-risk for not having their needs met
- **Diagnostic-** Gathering information from multiple sources to determine why students are not benefiting from instruction
- **Formative (progress monitoring) -** Frequent, ongoing collection of information including both formal and informal data to guide instruction



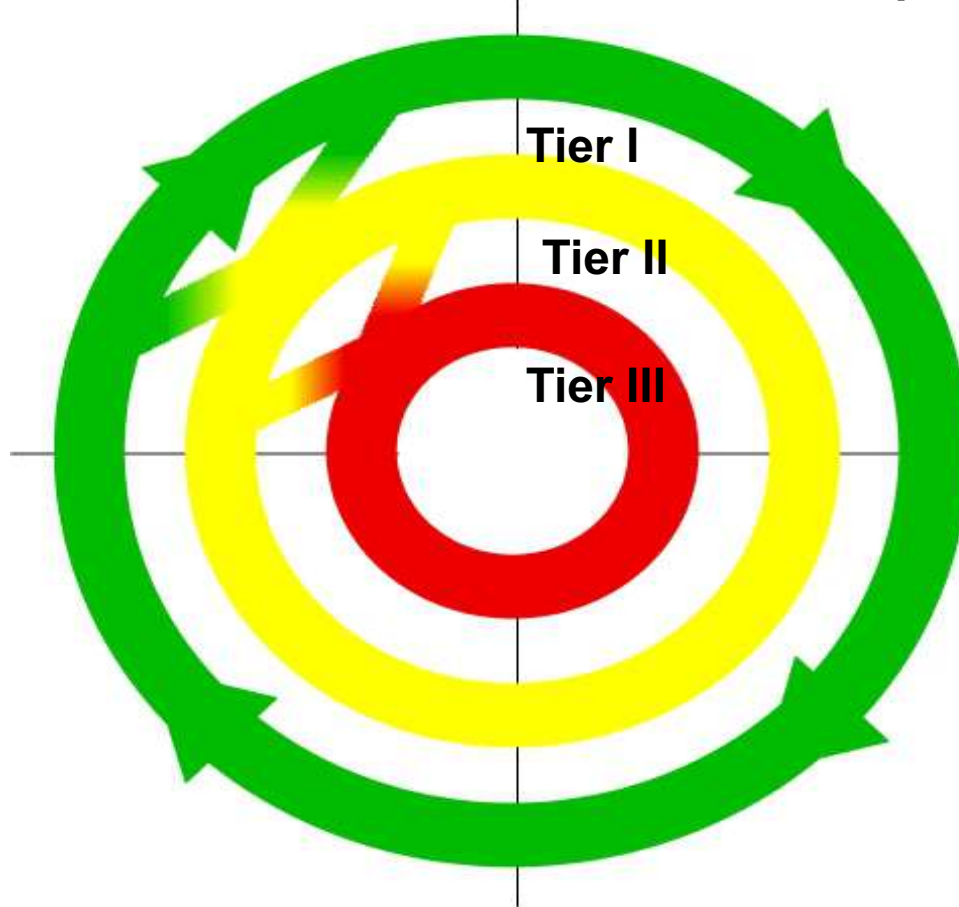
# Guiding Principles of RtI

4. Use a problem-solving method to make decisions based on a continuum of students needs
  - Provides strong core curriculum, instruction, assessment (Core - Tier 1)
  - Provides increasing levels of support based on intensity of student needs (Tier 1 + Tier 2, Tier 1 + Tier 3)

# Problem Solving Framework



**1. Problem Identification-** *What's the problem?*



**2. Problem Analysis-** *Why is it occurring?*

**3. Intervention Design/Implementation-** *What are we going to do about it?*

**4. Response to Intervention-** *Is it working?*

# A Smart System Structure

## Enter a School-Wide Systems for Student Success

### Academic Systems

#### Intensive, Individual Interventions

- Individual Students
- Assessment-based
- High Intensity
- Of longer duration

#### Targeted Group Interventions

- Some students (at-risk)
- High efficiency
- Rapid response

#### Universal Interventions

- All students
- Preventive, proactive

### Behavioral Systems

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- Individual Students
- Assessment-based
- Intense, durable procedures

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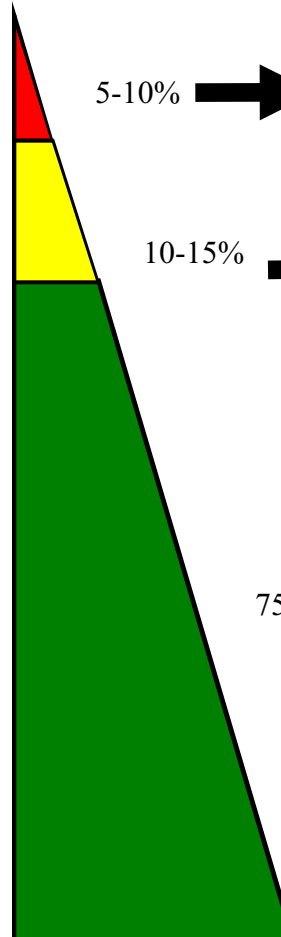
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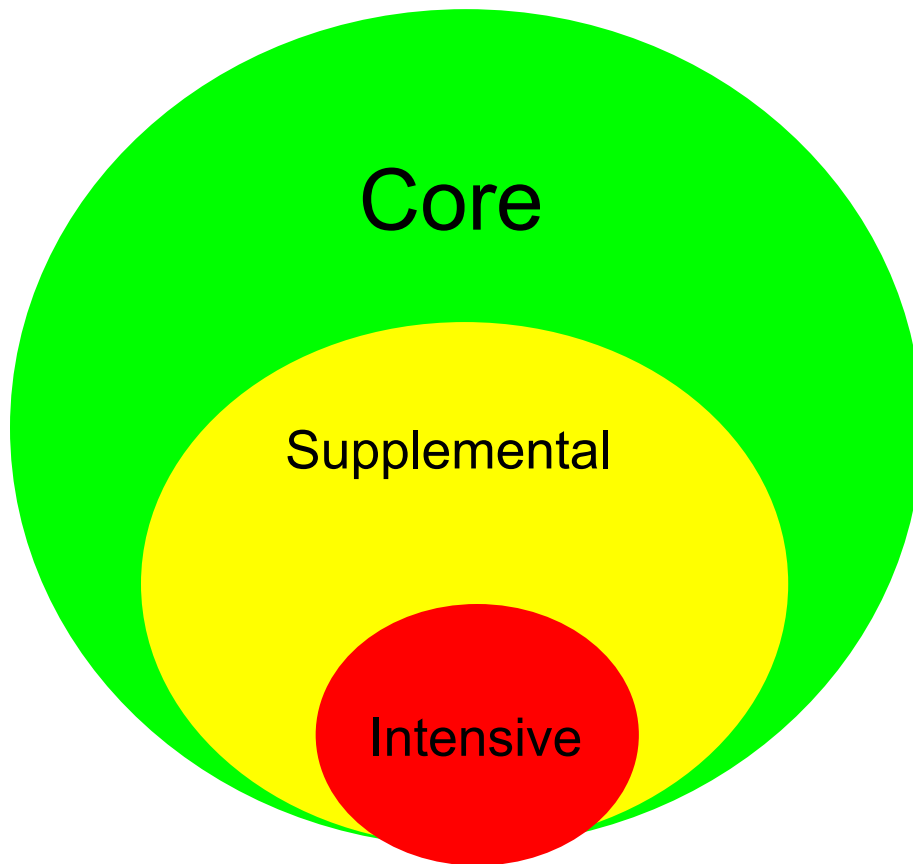
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# RtI CYCLES: Core, Supplemental, Intensive



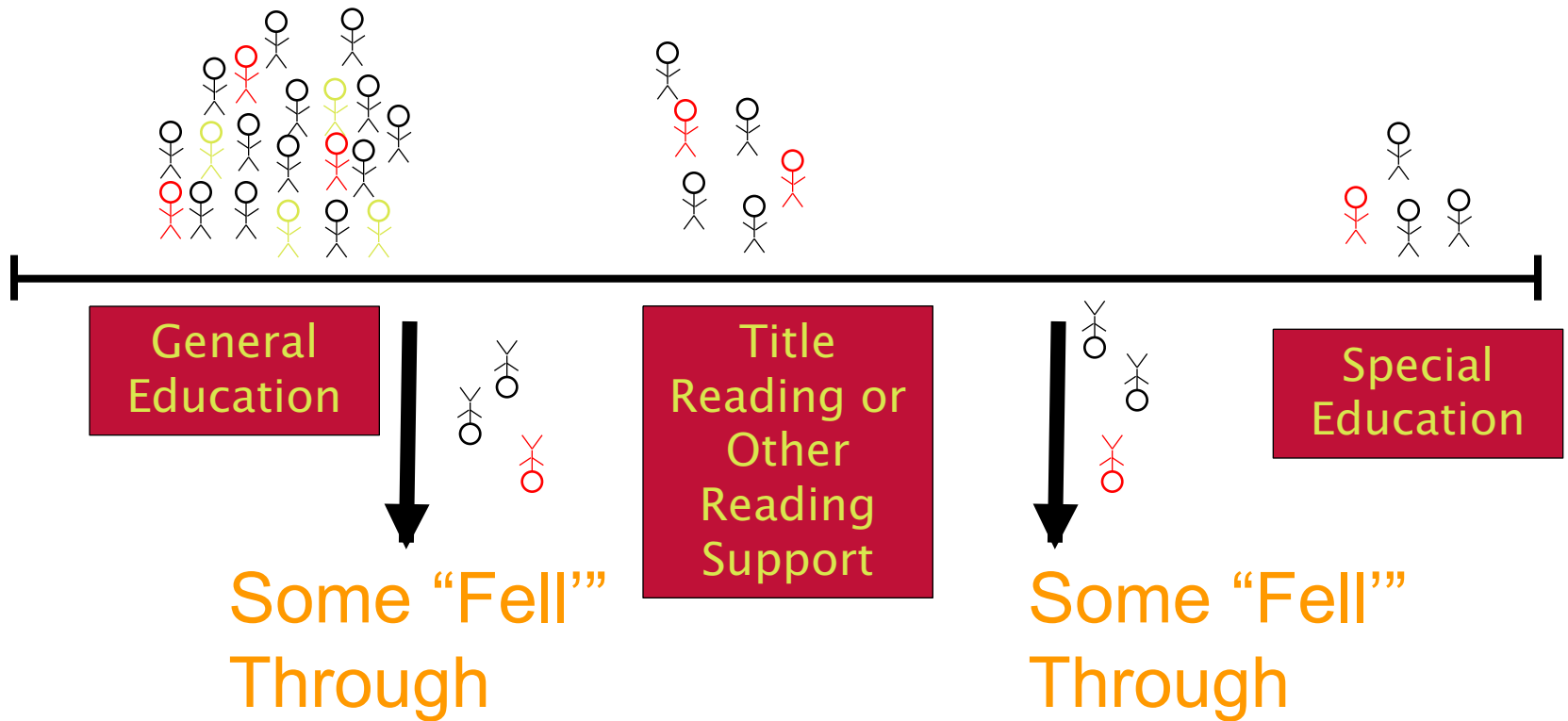
## Iowa = IDM Cycles

(Instructional Decision Making)

- Curriculum
- Instruction
- Assessments

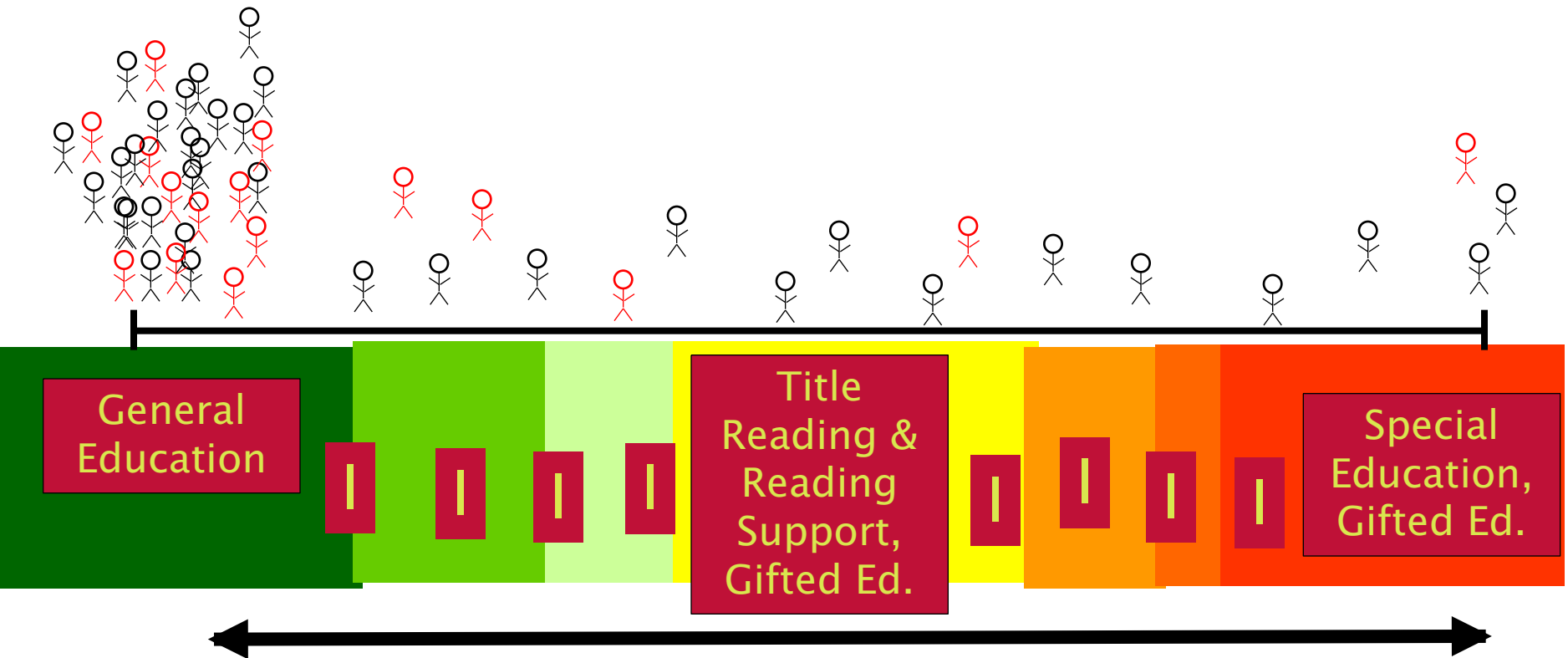


# In The Past





# Full Continuum of Support



= **Interventions**

all along the continuum!





# Purpose of an Intervention

- To provide immediate assistance to the student
- To continue to gather information and learn how to best meet the educational needs of the student
- To solve the problem
- To determine the conditions that best enable the student to learn.



# Guiding Principles of Rtl

5. Data are used to guide instructional decisions
  - To match curriculum and instruction to assessment data
  - To allocate resources
  - To drive professional development decisions



# Data Indicates Need: Where is your response targeted?

- Building Level
- Grade Level
- Classroom Level
- Small Group Level
- Individual Student Level



# Guiding Principles of RtI

6. Quality professional development supports effective instruction for all students.

- Provide ongoing training and support to assimilate new knowledge and skills
- Anticipate and be willing to meet the newly emerging needs based on student performance
- Differentiate professional development based on knowledge and expertise



# Guiding Principles of Rtl

## 7. Leadership is vital

- Strong administrative support to ensure commitment and resources
- Strong teacher support to share in the common goal of improving instruction
- Building leadership team to build internal capacity and sustainability over time



# Even Super Administrator has his limitations...

- Leadership is more than one person
- It takes a team to get the work done





# Leadership Team

- Team is representative of staff
- Administrator is an active member of the team
- Team members are invested in the school culture and the change
- Coordinate efforts and provide organization



# Leadership Team

- Adapt the features of Rtl to local school
- Team members already know what is happening at the building (never give up something that already works)
- Enhance sustainability over time (multiple people hear the same thing)
- We learn from each other!





# Activity: Comparing Guiding Principles to Current Practice

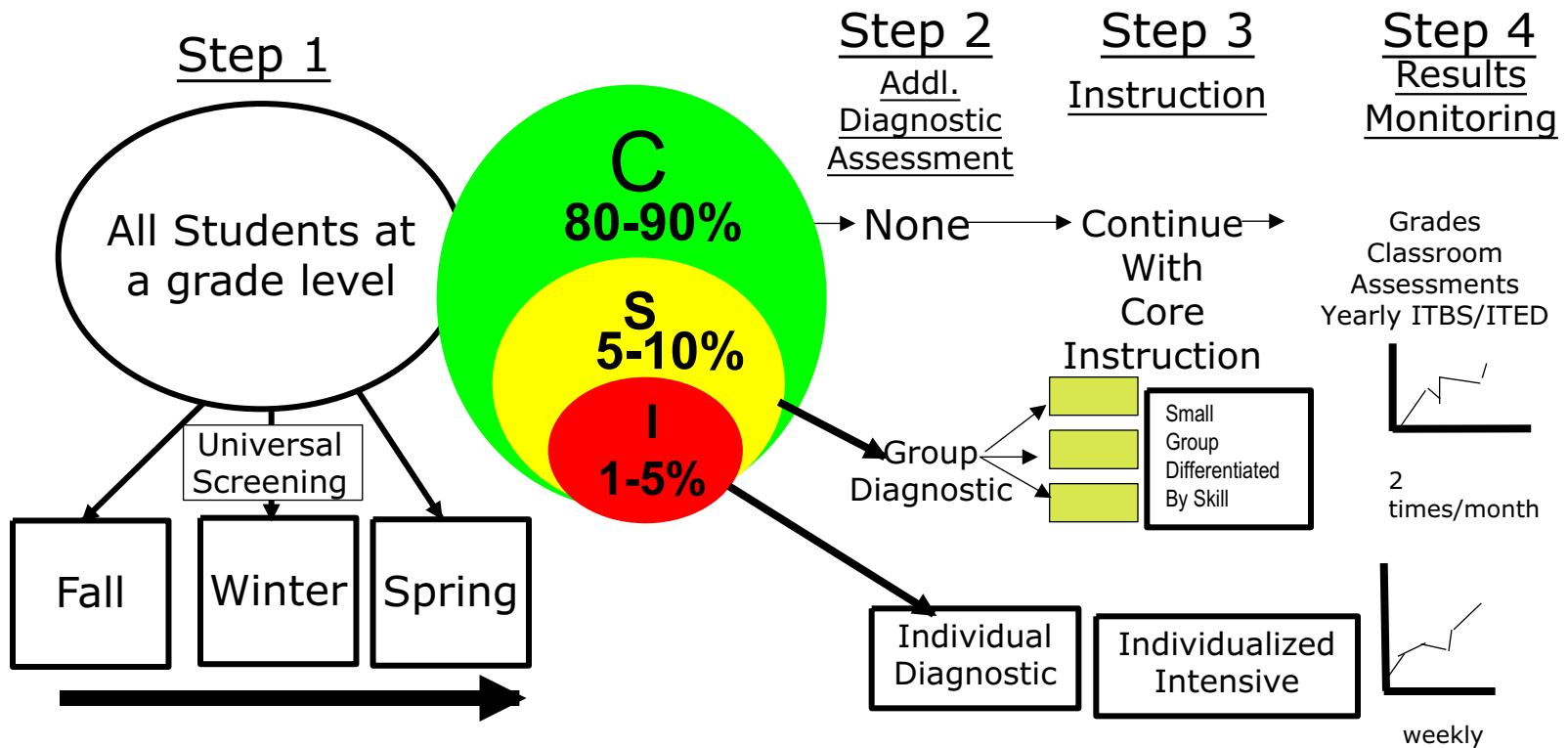
- Review the Guiding Principles of Rtl
- Individually complete:

**Compare Rtl Guiding Principles to Your Building's Current Practices sheet**

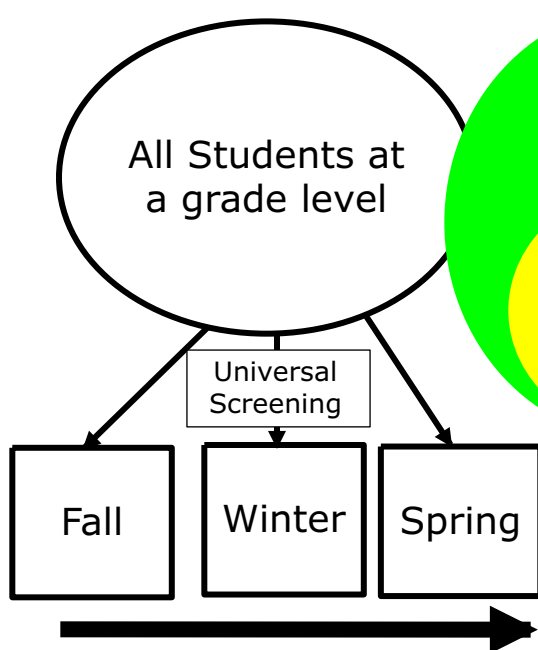
- Share and discuss in groups 2-3.



# RtI At A Glance



## Step 1



- Teacher will make sure:
1. All students have been given the \_\_\_\_ assessment
  2. All data has been entered
  3. A copy of the class-wide data is printed

Questions/concerns: Contact Building Principal

- Teacher will:
1. Calculate what percent of the class is at benchmark
  2. If below 80%, determine "core" instructional needs (Beef-up based on data)
- Questions/Concerns:
- K-3 Contact \_\_\_\_\_
- 4-6 Contact \_\_\_\_\_

- Teacher will:
1. Review all student data
  2. Determine if there is a need for additional diagnostic assessment(s)
  3. Ensure diagnostic assessments are given
  4. Bring all data to grade level meetings
- Questions/Concerns:
- K-3 Contact \_\_\_\_\_
- 4-6 Contact \_\_\_\_\_

## Step 2

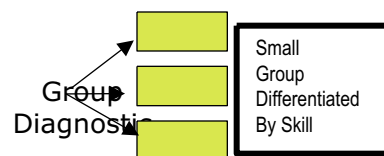
Addl.  
Diagnostic  
Assessment

None

## Step 3

Instruction

Continue  
With  
Core  
Instruction



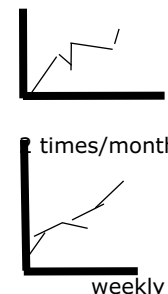
Individual  
Diagnostic

Individualized  
Intensive

## Step 4

Results  
Monitoring

Grades  
Classroom  
Assessments  
Yearly ITBS/ITED



### Grade Level Data Meetings:

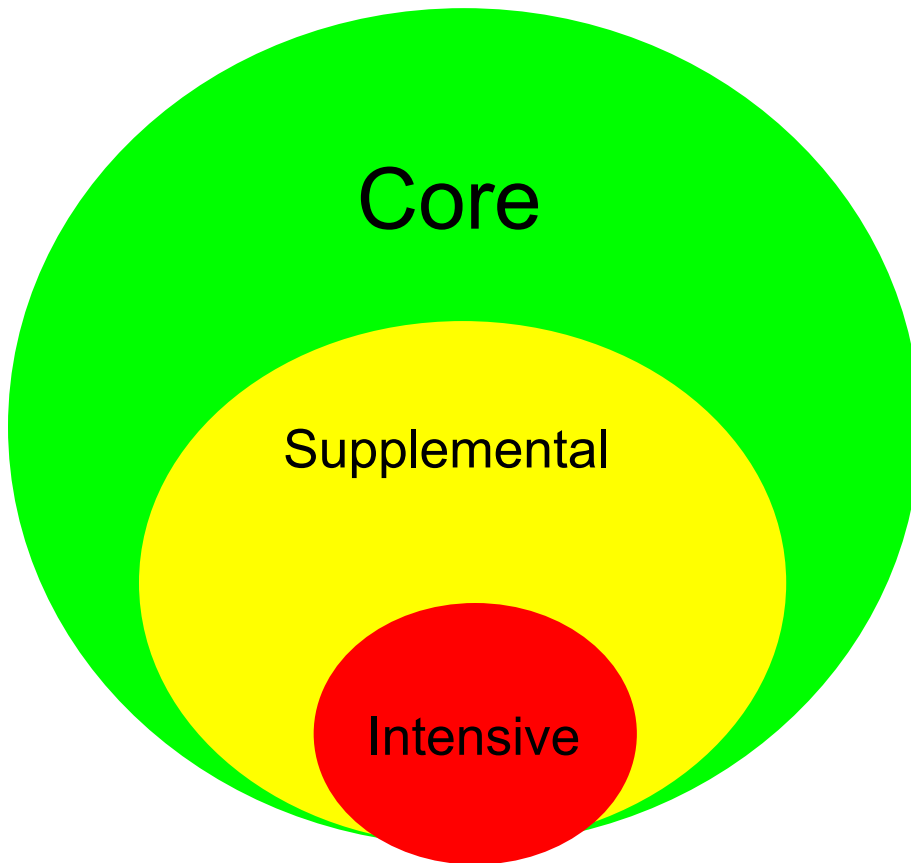
1. Discuss briefly additions/changes made to core
  2. Share data
  3. Group kids with similar instructional needs. (COMPARE TO PRIOR GROUPING- IF AVAILABLE)
  4. Complete the group intervention Plan form. (one per group)
    - Who, what, when, where of instruction
    - Who, what, when, where of monitoring
    - Who and when of parent notification
  - NOTE: if any changes are made during Intervention period, document on form.
  5. Attach an implementation log and graphs
  6. Set date to meet back for check-in (4-6 weeks)
- Questions/Concerns: District Based Team & IDM Team, Content Specialist



# The Rtl Conceptual Model- The “Big Picture” Viewpoint



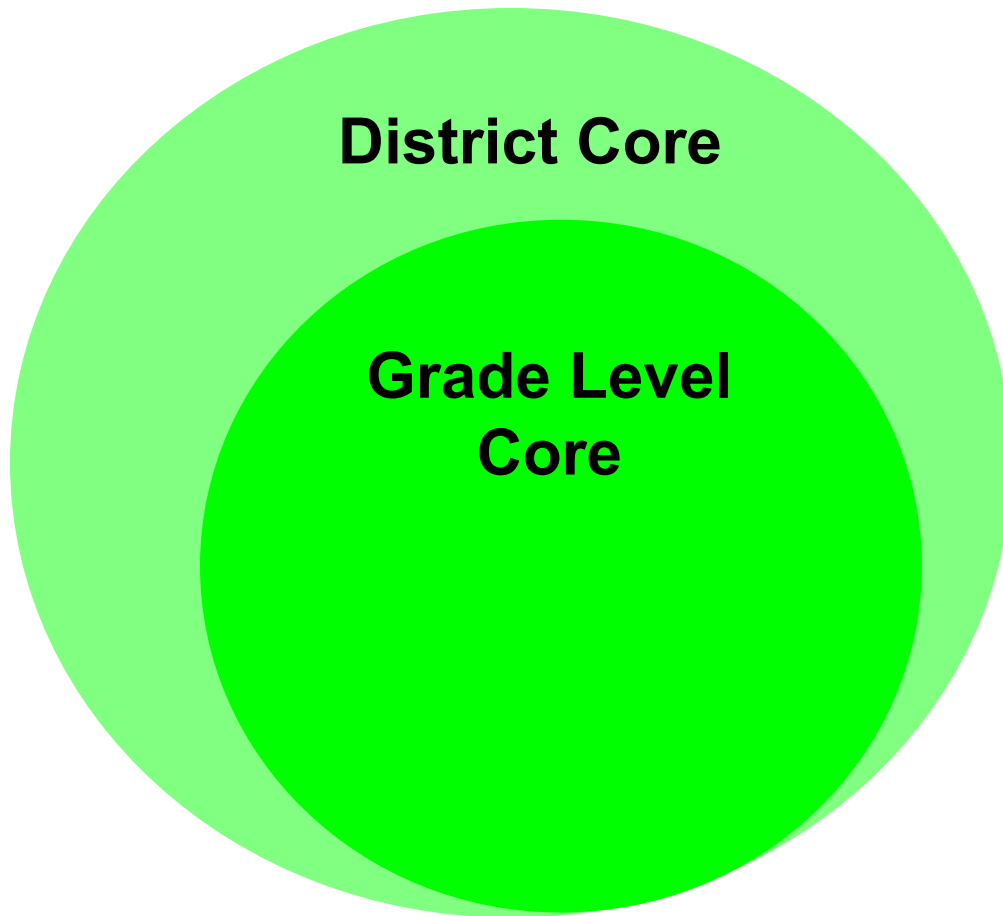
# Meeting the Needs of All



## Cycles:

- Curriculum
- Instruction
- Assessment

# RTI CYCLES



## CORE (Tier 1)

- District
- Grade Level

### Focus:

- intended
- taught
- assessed



# Core Cycle Defined

## **District Core**

The Pre-K - 13+ continuum of standards and benchmarks

- intended
- taught
- assessed



# Core Cycle Defined

## Grade Level Core

Standards and benchmarks for a given grade level (within District Core):

- Strong enough to ensure that at least **80%** of the students meet proficiency without supplemental or intensive support
- Generally received by all students at grade level





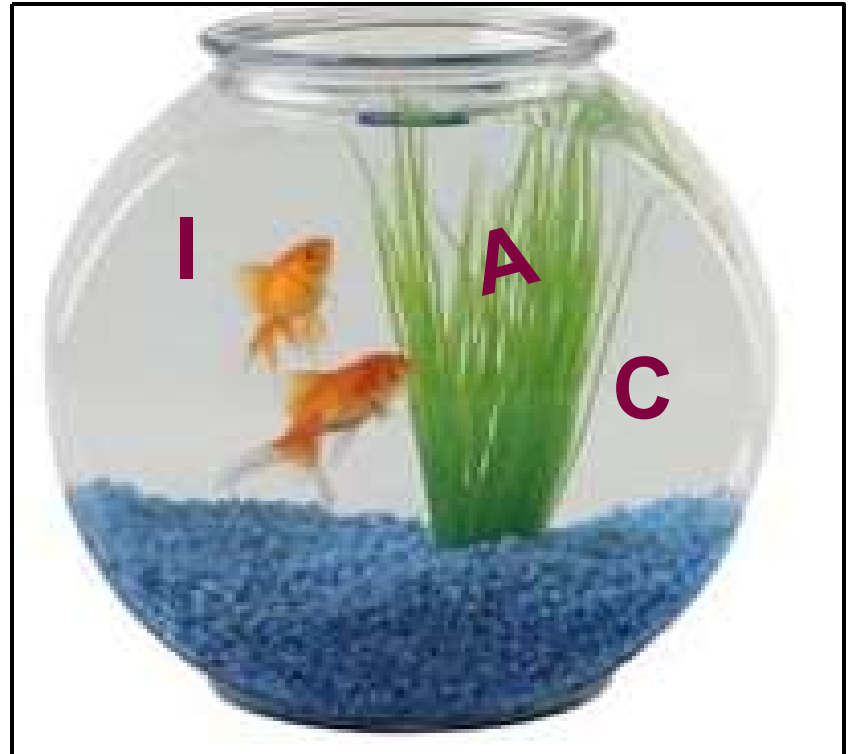
## Core Instruction

- Core instruction is designed to provide the **literacy diet** that should be sufficient to ensure good literacy outcomes for the majority of the students. The core literacy diet will benefit all, but will not be sufficient for some students.



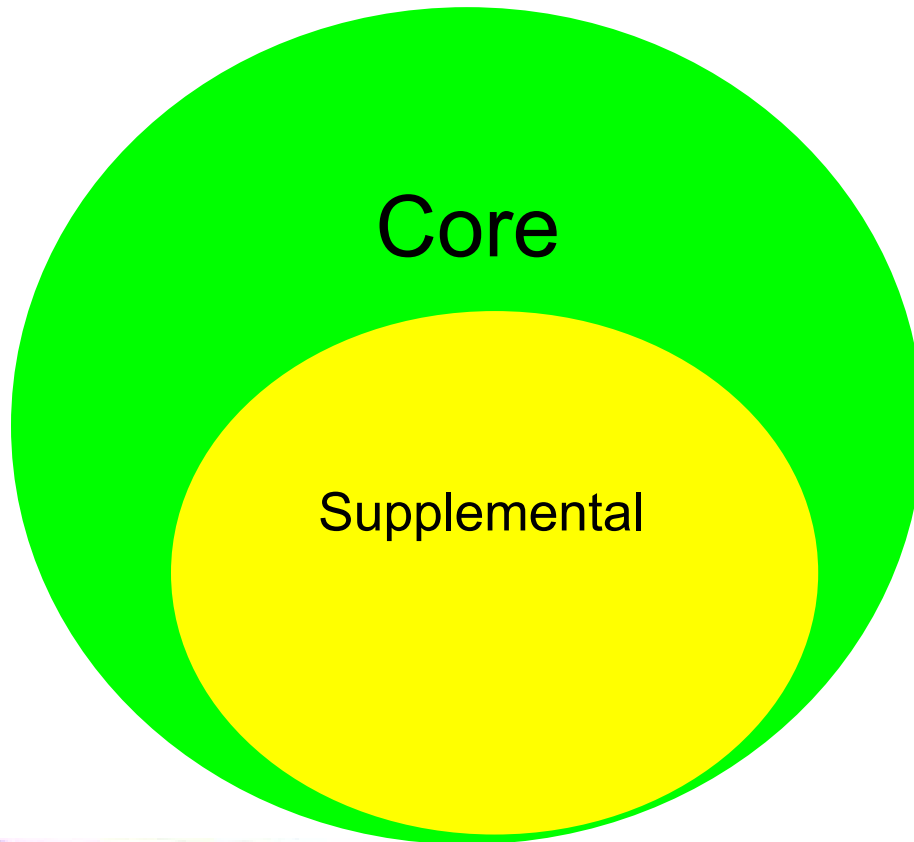
Focus on “the water”-

- Curriculum
- Instruction
- Assessment



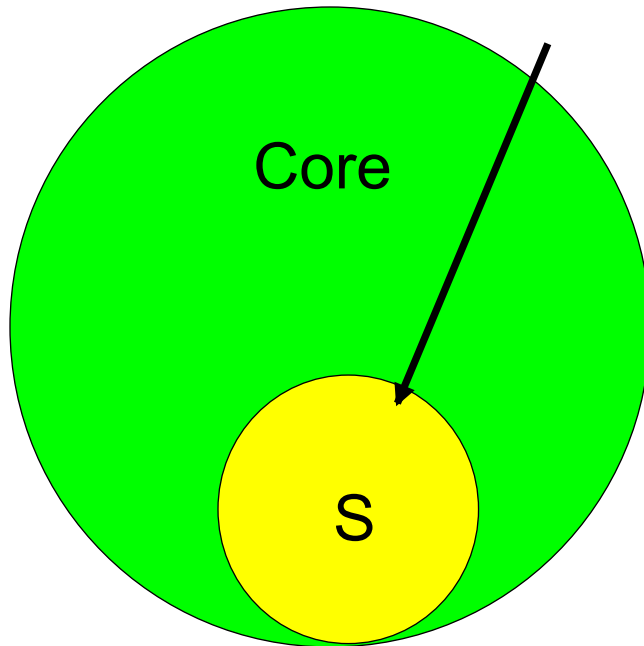


## Supplemental Cycle (Tier 2)





## Supplemental Cycle: Guidelines for Students that are Less than Proficient

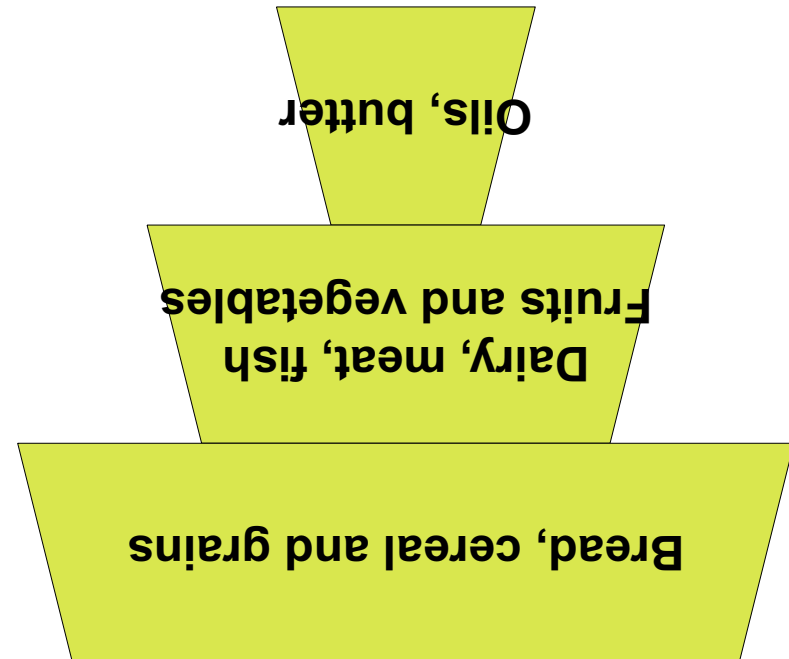


- Is **in addition to** and aligns with the district core cycle
- Uses more explicit instruction
- Provides more intensity
  - Additional modeling and guided feedback
  - Immediacy of feedback
- Does **NOT** replace core



# Food Pyramid

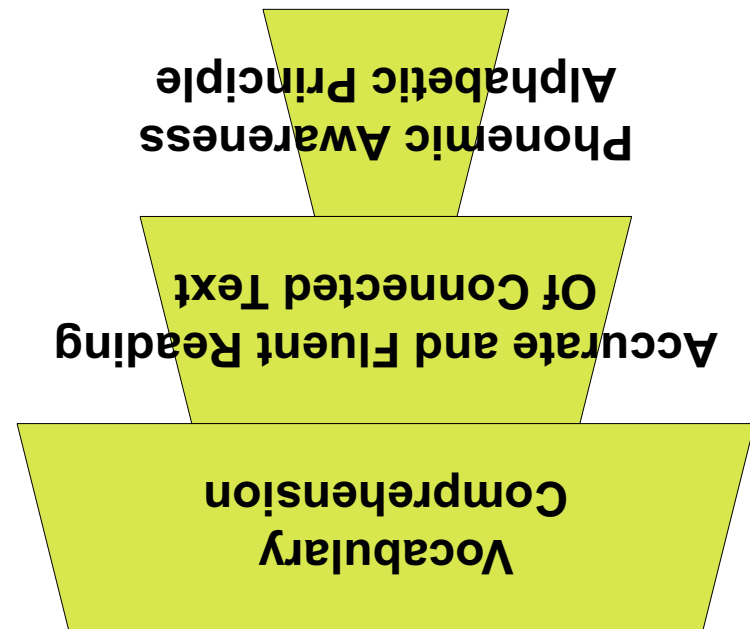
- Healthy, balanced diet to ensure good physical health





# Literacy Diet

- Powerful literacy diet to ensure good literacy health





# When eating out of the food pyramid is not enough ...

- Need to add iron pills, or vitamins, but do not stop eating from the food pyramid.





# When instruction in the literacy diet is not enough

- Add supplemental or intensive instruction (iron pill) ***in addition*** to core instruction (literacy diet) targeting area(s) of need.

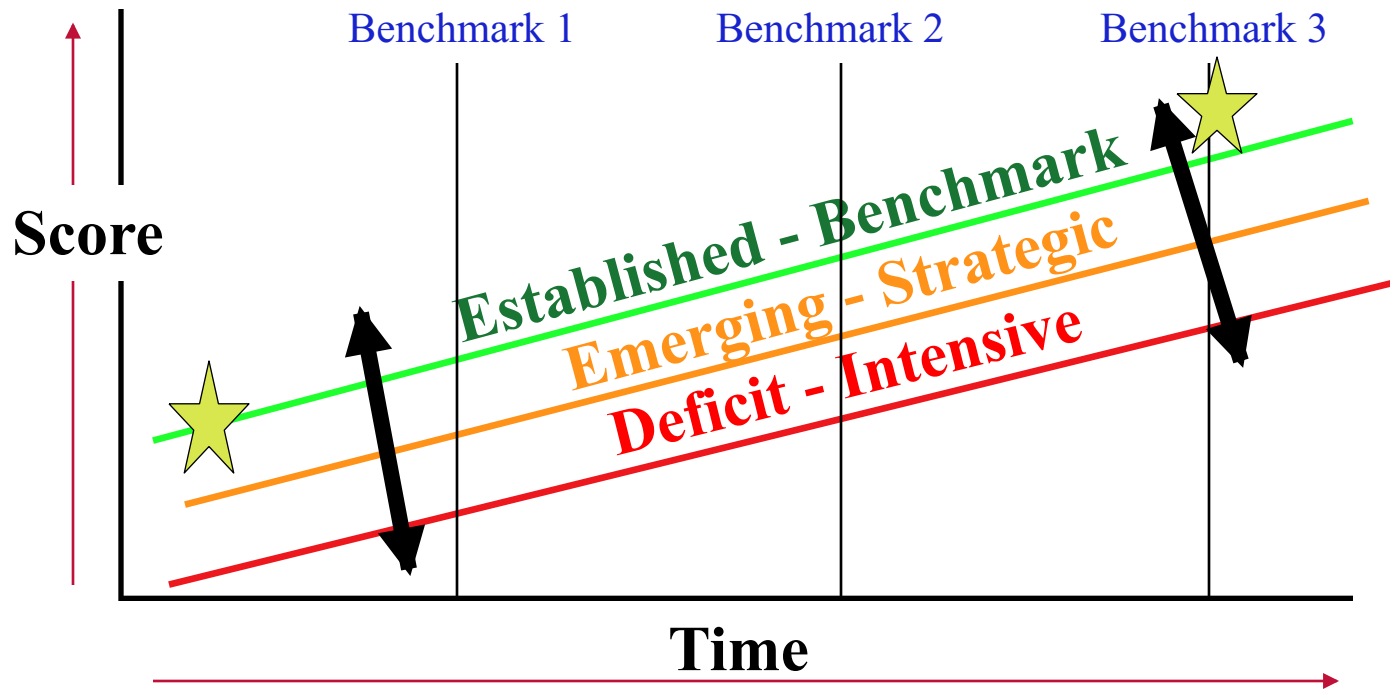
Vocabulary  
Comprehension  
Accurate and Fluent Reading  
of Connected Text  
Phonemic Awareness  
Alphabetic Principle







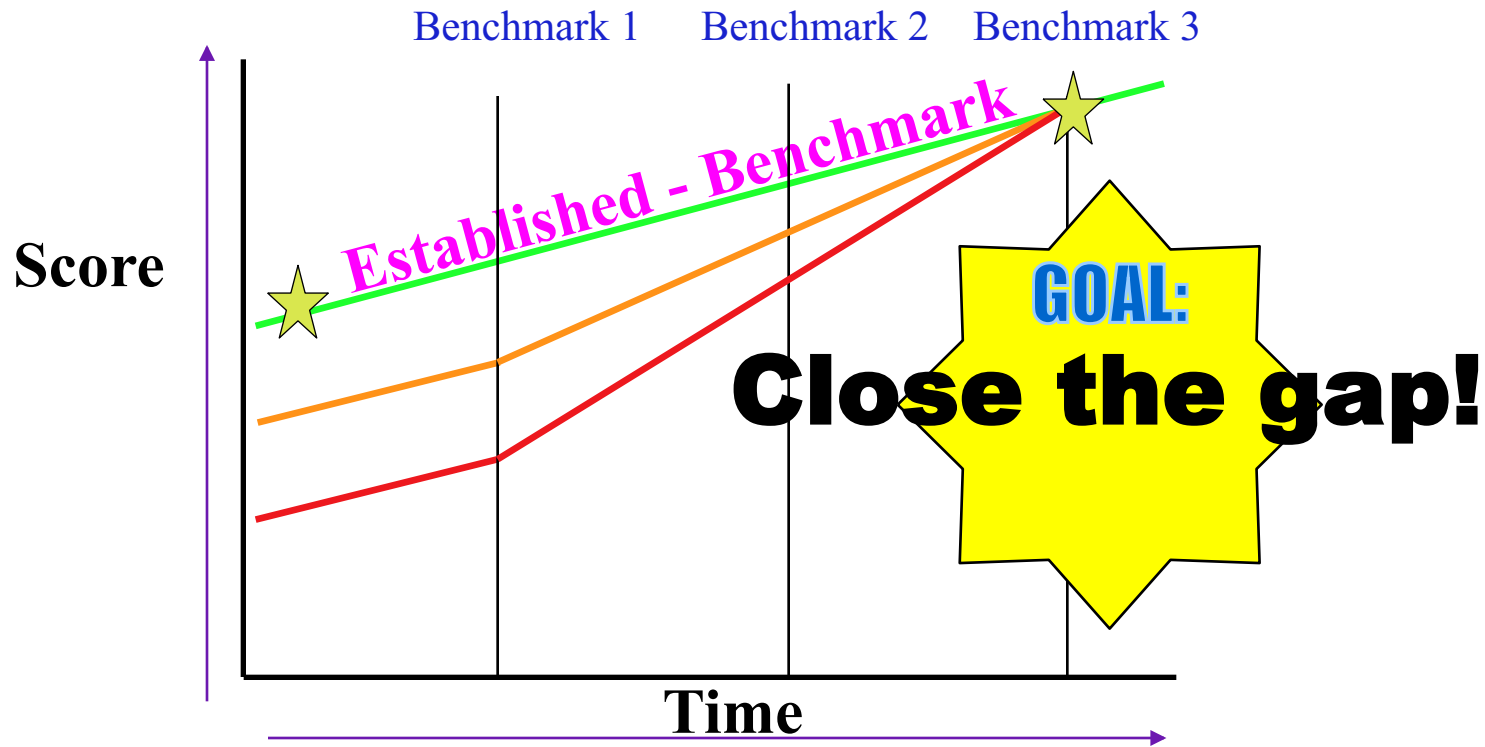
# For struggling readers, just making progress isn't good enough.



**Trajectory**- “the path a projectile makes under the action of given forces such as thrust, wind and gravity.” --Encarta World English Dictionary



When curriculum, instruction, and assessments are working together...





For students with supplemental and intensive instructional needs the goal is to accelerate student learning

To accelerate student learning:

- Instruction must be provided in smaller groups

(resources)

- More time spent in instruction

(resources)

- Explicit and systematic instruction in the area of need

(professional development)



# Make it reasonable and doable!

- Provide a menu of powerful instructional changes that are reasonable and doable.
- Anticipate and provide trouble shooting guide for small group instruction progress differences, class management, scheduling



## Secret to Supplemental Interventions (Tier Two)

- Class-wide instructional routines around high priority skills by grade level and time of year
- Use same routine in instructional interventions; narrow focus
- Example - Phonics and structure analysis: blending routine (match word reading hierarchy, take to syllables)



## Pair 'Em Up

- Phonemic awareness/phonics
- Phonics/fluency (automaticity)
- Fluency/Comprehension
- Vocabulary/Comprehension



# Alterable Components

- Time
  - Instruction
  - Practice
  - Distribute across the day



# Alterable Components

- Teaching
  - Instructional priority
  - Instructional focus
  - Instructional strategy





# Alterable Components

- Practice
  - Practice what is taught
  - Must be accurate at practice skill/strategy



# Intensive Cycle: Students who are Less than Proficient

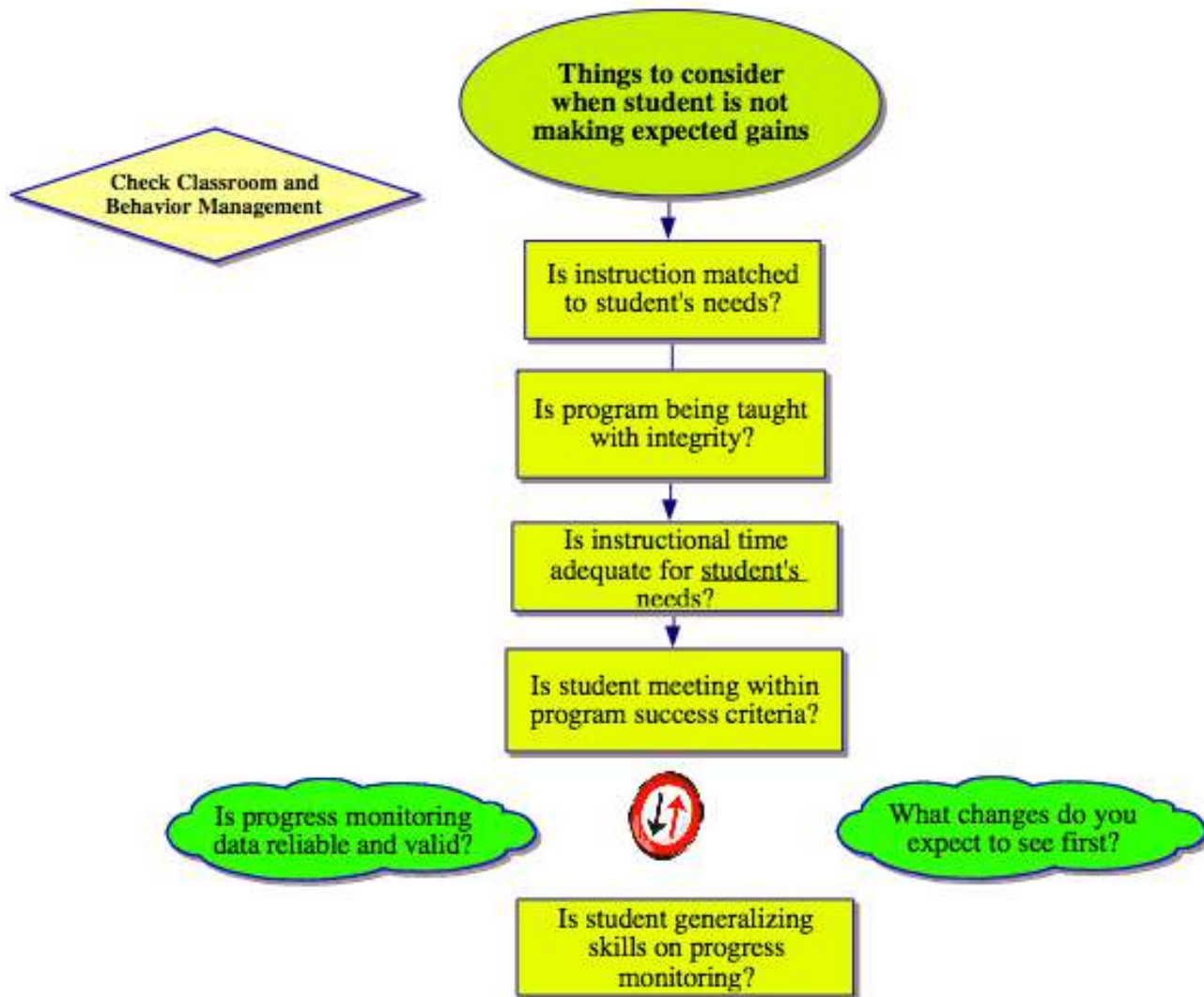
- **In addition to** and aligns with the district core cycle
- Uses diagnostic data to more precisely target to student need
- Smaller instructional groups
- **More** instructional time
- **More** detailed modeling and demonstration of skill
- **More** extensive opportunities for guided practice
- **More** opportunities for error correction and



# Intensifying Instruction

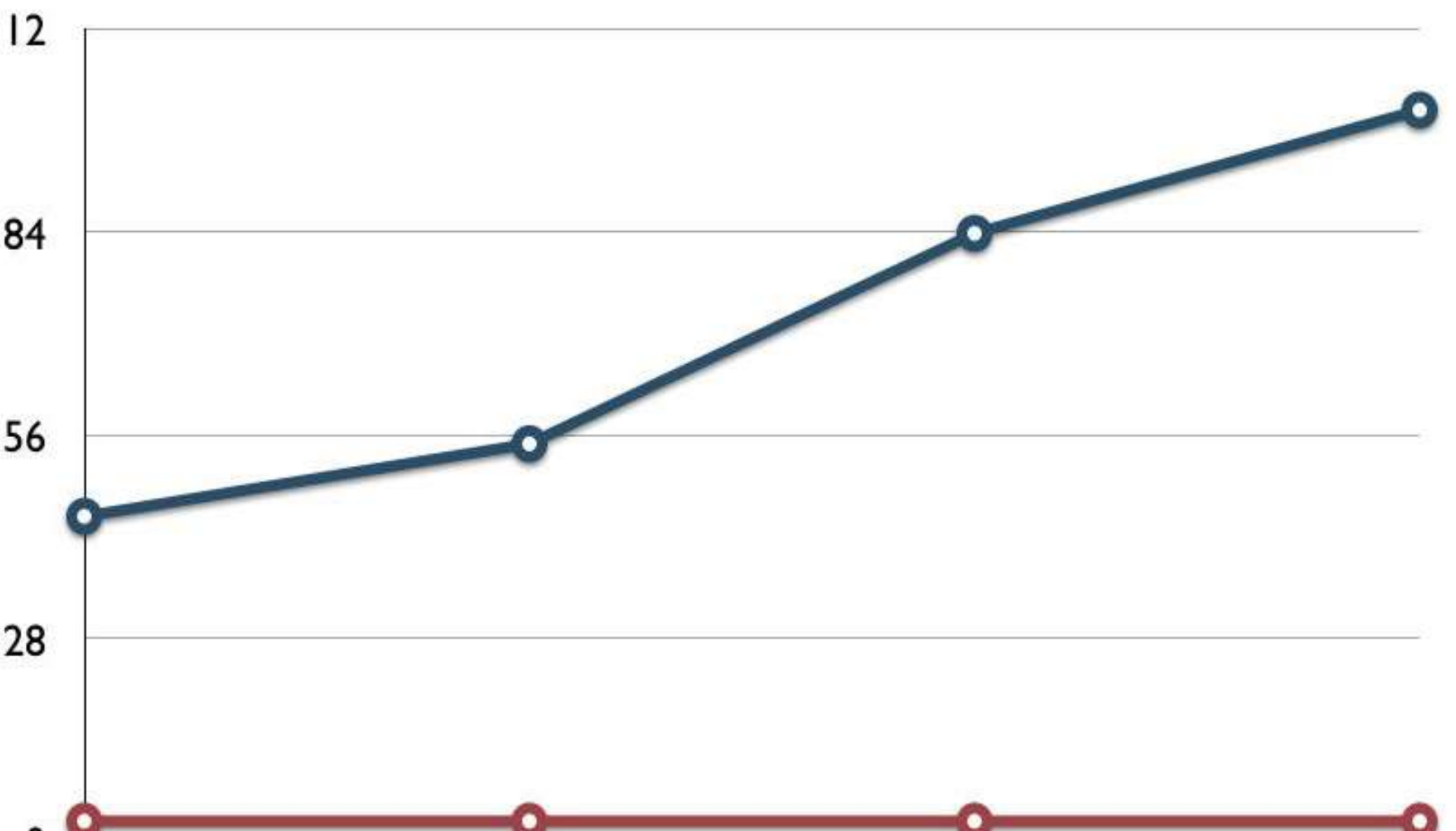
## The Big Five

- More explicit
- More modeling
- More systematic
- More opportunities to respond
- More review



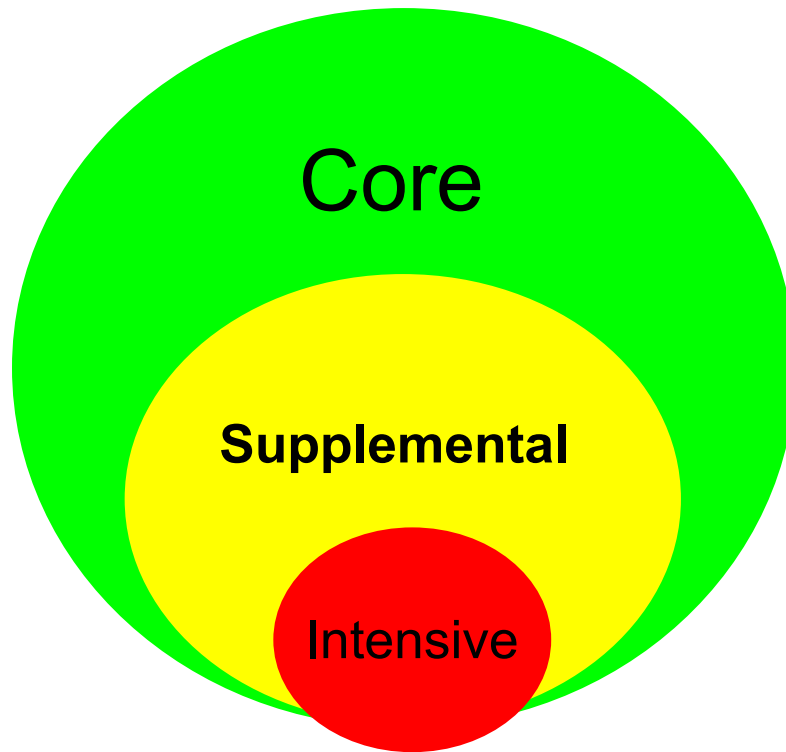
Words Correct

Errors





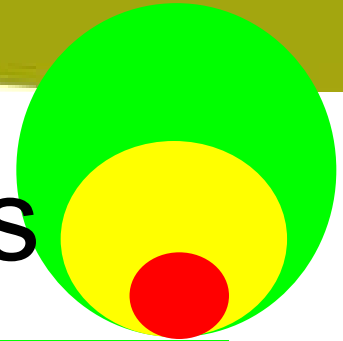
# Cycles in Implementing Rtl



Rtl instructional groups are flexible and frequently changing based on the data.



# Rtl Framework Questions



1. Is our core cycle sufficient?
2. If the core is not sufficient, why not?
3. How will needs identified in core be addressed?
4. How will the sufficiency and effectiveness of the core cycle be monitored over time?
  - Have improvements to the core been effective?

6. For which students is the core cycle sufficient and not sufficient, and why?
7. What specific supplemental and intensive instruction/curriculum is needed?
8. How will specific supplemental and intensive cycles be implemented?
9. How will the effectiveness of supplemental and intensive cycles be monitored?
10. Which students need to move to a different cycle?



# How healthy is the core?







# Core (Tier 1) - Assumptions

- The district has a core curriculum (standards and benchmarks).
- Teachers possess a repertoire of research-based instructional strategies and practices to deliver that curriculum.
- Instruction within the core cycle is implemented as designed.
- Curriculum and instruction are aligned within the core cycle.
- Assessments are aligned with the district's curriculum (we assess what is taught).



# Core (Tier 1) Cycle

**Question 1: Is our **core** cycle sufficient?**

- Clarification: Refers to core ALONE
  - Does not include support services
- Keep this point in mind while evaluating one's "Core Cycle"



# Core Cycle

**Question 1: Is our core cycle sufficient?**

- ❑ **Step 1:** Identify screening tool(s)
- ❑ **Step 2:** Identify scoring guide points on screening tools for highly proficient, proficient and less than proficient for identified tools
- ❑ **Step 3:** Collect universal screening data
- ❑ **Step 4:** Enter, organize, and summarize data



# Considerations

- Research
- Mandates
- Availability of resources needed to support students
  - CALCULATE WITH ACTUAL STUDENT NUMBERS IN MIND
- Do the MATH: 60% in proficient range & 10% in highly proficient range  
**WITH CORE ALONE** ...(Total 70%- leaving 30% less than proficient)
  - 30% x total # of students per grade level
  - 30% x 100 students = 30 students per grade level receiving support
  - Do you have the resources needed to support this number of students?



## Activity:

# What do the numbers tell us about these schools?

### Harken Elementary

- Percentage of Students Highly Proficient: 20%  
(For Example: ITBS: >95<sup>th</sup> %ile Rank)
- Percentage of Students within Proficient Range: 25%

(For Example: ITBS: 40<sup>th</sup>-94<sup>th</sup> %ile Rank)

- Percentage of Students within Proficient or Highly Proficient Range: 45%
- Percentage of Students within Proficient Ranges receiving supplemental/intensive support? 60%
- Is our core at Harken Elementary sufficient? (Why or Why not?)



# Activity: What do the numbers tell us about these schools?

## Robinson Middle School

- Percentage of Students Highly Proficient: 35%  
(For Example: ITBS: >95<sup>th</sup> %ile Rank)
- Percentage of Students within Proficient Range: 63%

(For Example: ITBS: 40<sup>th</sup>-94<sup>th</sup> %ile Rank)

- Percentage of Students Proficient or Highly Proficient: 98%
- Percentage of Students within Proficient Ranges receiving supplemental/intensive support? 60%
- How many at Robinson Elementary sufficient?



# Activity: What do the numbers tell us about these schools?

## Fay Elementary

- Percentage of Students Highly Proficient: 15%

(For Example: ITBS: >95<sup>th</sup> %ile Rank)

- Percentage of Students within Proficient Range: 75%

(For Example: ITBS: 40<sup>th</sup>-94<sup>th</sup> %ile Rank)

- Percentage of Students within Proficient or Highly Proficient Range: 90%
- Percentage of Students within Proficient Ranges receiving supplemental/intensive support? 10%
- Is this score at Fay Elementary sufficient? (Why or why not?)



# **Let's look at the “Literacy Diet”!**

**Matching Core Cycle to  
the 5 Essential Components**





# Core Comprehensive Reading Program

- Based on scientifically based reading research (SBRR)
- Addresses the essential components of reading  
(elementary)
  - Phonemic awareness
  - Phonics (alphabetic principle)
  - Fluency in connected text
  - Vocabulary
  - Comprehension



# Core Comprehensive Reading Program

- Based on scientifically based reading research (SBRR)
- Addresses the essential components of reading (adolescent)
  - Word Knowledge (Decoding and Vocabulary)
  - Fluency in connected text
  - Comprehension
  - Writing



# Core Comprehensive Reading Program

- Coherent design of explicit instructional strategies and sequences (scope and sequence)
- Ample practice opportunities
- Materials that are appropriate to student levels (grouping practices)
- Materials aligned with standards and benchmarks
- Adequate time for quality instruction



# Core Comprehensive Reading Program

- Provides interventions in the classroom and supplemental instruction
  - More practice (strategic)
  - More teaching (strategic)
  - More teaching and more practice (intensive)
- Includes assessment
  - Screening - first alert
  - Diagnostic - in-depth view
  - Progress monitoring - growth charts
  - Outcomes - reaching our goals



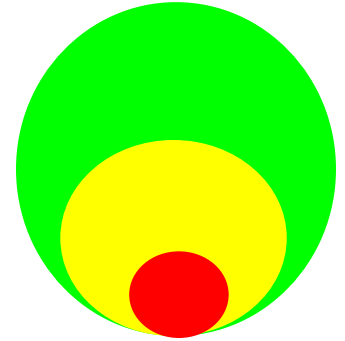
# Essential Components - The Literacy Diet

- All the components are important.
- The components do not fight with each other.
- Different students will require different levels of instruction to acquire and apply the skills contained in the essential components.



# Harnessing the Power of the Literacy Diet

- Identify critical features of instruction (what does the research say)
- Identify high priority skills for each grade level (what is critical for literacy outcomes)
- Establish class-wide instructional routines around high priority skills
- MATCH instructional strategies for struggling students in the areas of reading that will have the highest impact on literacy



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# Screening Question For All Grade Levels

Can the student read and understand grade level text?

Seems like a simple question, but to answer it there are some things we must understand about reading comprehension.





# Survey and Specific Level Procedures

*K - 2nd Grade Work Our Way Up*

Phonemic Awareness	Alphabetic Principle	Accuracy and Fluency of Connected Text	Vocabulary	Comprehension
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Kdg.  
begins  
here

First  
grade  
begins  
here

Second  
grade  
begins  
here



# Survey and Specific Level Procedures

*3rd on Up Work Our Way Back*



Phonemic Awareness	Alphabetic Principle	Accuracy and Fluency of Connected Text	Vocabulary	Comprehension
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**3rd Grade  
and up  
should  
enter  
HERE!**



# Reading Comprehension:

Comprehension is carried out through the application of **enabling skills** and **comprehension strategies**.



# Reading Comprehension:

## Enabling Skills

1. Accurate and Fluent Reading
2. Vocabulary
3. Syntax
4. Prior Knowledge



## Reading Comprehension:

Enabling skills are necessary, **but not sufficient** for comprehension to occur. The application of comprehension strategies is needed for the student to respond to the text.



# Reading Comprehension:

## Comprehension Strategies

1. Monitor for Meaning and Self-Correct
2. Selective Attention to Text
3. Adjust for Text Difficulty
4. Connect Text to Prior Knowledge
5. Clarify



## So what does this mean...

- Poor comprehension skills can be a result of deficits in any of the enabling skills or deficits in comprehension strategies.
- Systemic look at **why (problem analysis)** students are not proficient and making the instructional match with interventions.



# Impact of assessment data on student outcomes

- Has to be practical, reasonable and doable for teachers
- Must spend more time teaching than assessing
- Must think about intervention work by grade level not individual students
- Reasonable, practical way to do problem analysis using student data: Four Box Method





# Organizing Fluency Data: Making the Instructional Match

<b>Group 1: Accurate and Fluent</b>	<b>Group 2: Accurate but Slow Rate</b>
<b>Group 3: Inaccurate and Slow Rate</b>	<b>Group 4: Inaccurate but High Rate</b>

Group 1: Dig Deeper in the areas of reading comprehension, including vocabulary and specific comprehension strategies.

Group 2: Build reading fluency skills. (Repeated Reading, Paired Reading, etc.) Embed comprehension checks/strategies.

Group 3: Conduct an error analysis to determine instructional need. Teach to the instructional need paired with fluency building strategies. Embed comprehension checks/strategies.

Group 4: Conduct Table-Tap Method. If student can correct error easily, teach student to self-monitor reading accuracy. If reader cannot self-correct errors, complete an error analysis to Determine instructional need. Teach to the instructional need.



# Group 1

## Instructional Recommendations for Comprehension Review

Active and Reflective Reading

Before, During, and After Strategies

Reciprocal Teaching

Story Maps and Semantic Webbing

Pre-reading Questioning

Critical Reading

Monitoring for Meaning

PALS

<b><i>Group 1: Fluent and Accurate</i></b>	<b><i>Group 2: Accurate but Slow Rate</i></b>
<b><i>Group 3: Inaccurate and Slow Rate</i></b>	<b><i>Group 4: Inaccurate but High Rate</i></b>

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# Data Indicates Need: Where is your response targeted?

- Building Level
- Grade Level
- Classroom Level
- Small Group Level
- Individual Student Level



# Comprehension

## **What Students Need to Learn:**

- How to read both narrative and expository texts
- How to understand and remember what they read
- How to relate their knowledge or experiences to text
- How to use comprehension strategies to improve their comprehension



# Comprehension

## How We Teach It:

- Explain, model, and teach comprehension strategies
- Provide comprehension instruction before, during, and after reading narrative and expository texts
- Promote thinking and extended discourse by asking questions and encouraging student questions and discussions
- Monitor students' progress to inform instruction
- **Teach GENERALIZATION in content areas**



# Informational Text Structures

- Descriptive
- Sequential
- Enumerative
- Cause-effect
- Problem-solution
- Compare-contrast



## Supports within the core for students struggling with comprehension

- Teach the strategy routine explicitly.
- Display a poster or give students a book mark containing the steps for the strategy.
- When teaching the strategy to the students use the following three steps:
  - Explain the concept
  - Model the strategy at the listening level
  - Model the strategy at the reading level



# Comprehension support for struggling comprehenders

- Intervention lessons must be taught systematically and rigorously in order for students to accelerate their growth in this area.
- Need more opportunities than typical students to apply the strategies they are learning.
- Select texts at the student's independent reading level





## Levels of Comprehension

- Word (vocabulary)
- Phrases
- Sentences and relationship among sentences
- Paragraph
- Strategic reading (active and reflective)
- Connection to self and world



## Five Components of Explicit Teaching of Comprehension Strategies

- An explicit description of the strategy and when and how it should be used.
- Teacher and/or student modeling of the strategy in action
- Collaborative use of the strategy in action
- Guided practice using the strategy with gradual release of responsibility
- Independent use of the strategy



# Summarizing

Summarizing requires students to determine what is important in what they are reading and to put it into their own words. Instruction in summarizing helps students:

- Identify or generate main ideas
- Connect the main or central ideas
- Eliminate unnecessary information
- Remember what they read



# Skill-Strategy Continuum

- Strategies are generally more complex than skills because they require the orchestration of several skills.
- Effective instruction links comprehension skills to strategies to promote strategic reading.



# Skill-Strategy Example

To summarize involves:

- Sequencing of events
- Making judgements
- Noting details
- **Determining main idea**
- Using story structure or text organization



# Begin with Accurate and Fluent Reading





# Reading Fluency

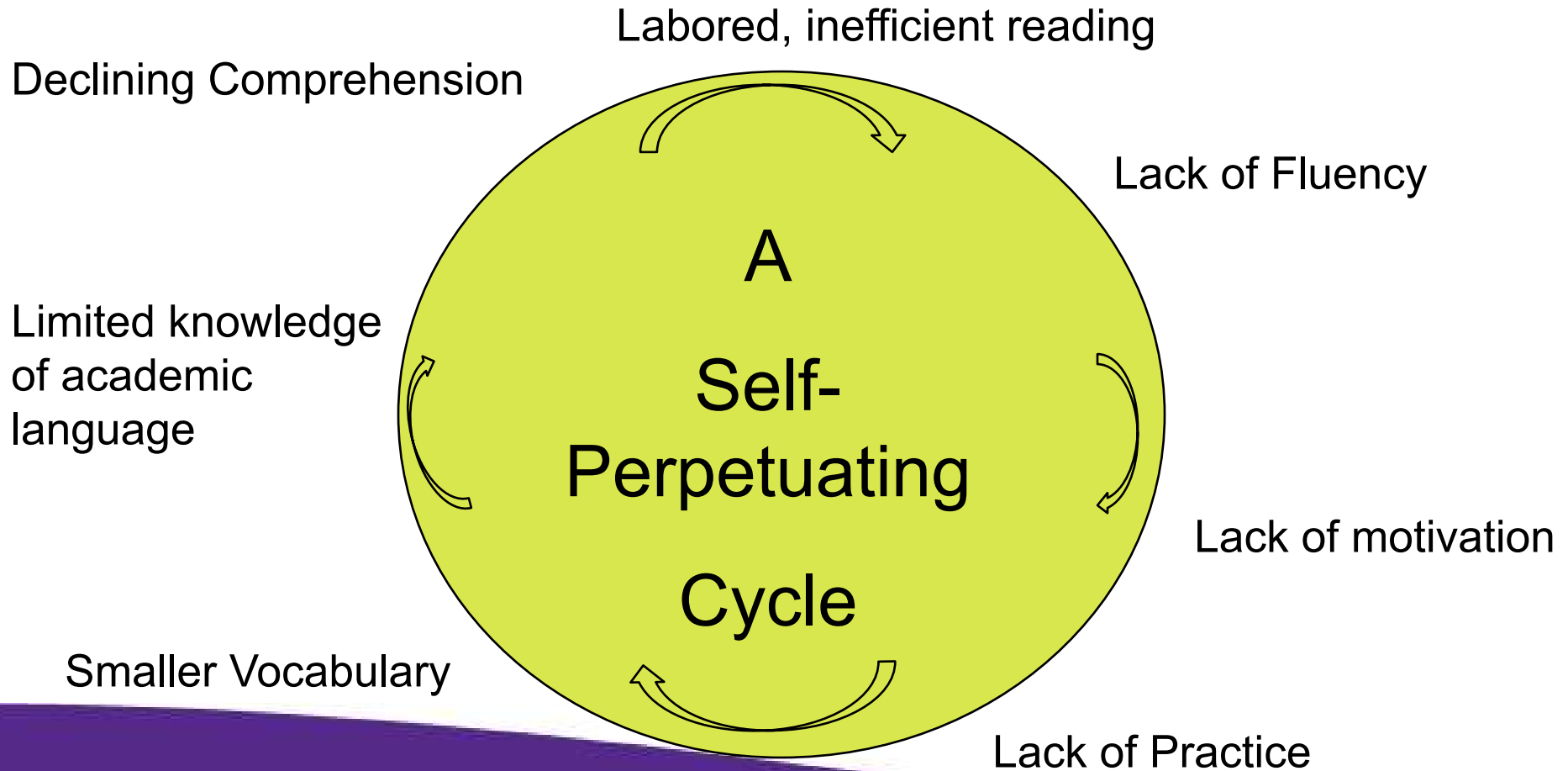
## **Dimensions of Reading Fluency:**

- Accuracy
- Automaticity (rate)
- Quality

Why focus on fluent reading?



# Reading Fluency

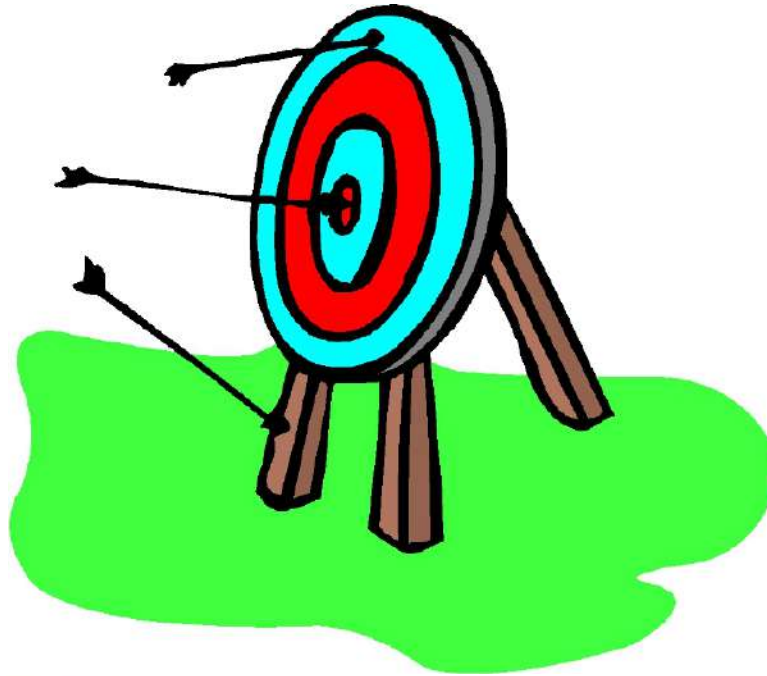






# Reading Accuracy

- Comprehension is hindered by low accuracy.





# Reading Accuracy: Considerations

- Gather a large enough reading sample-Student may look accurate and not be.
- Gather Error Samples from Instructional Reading Level Materials
  - Percentage of Accuracy
    - Independent reading level, 96-100%
    - Instructional reading level, 91-95%
    - Frustration reading level, 90% and below
- Are the errors violating meaning? Go to higher criteria (95% - 98%)



# Organizing Fluency Data:

## Making the Instructional Match

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### **Question:**

\*Is the student performance on an every day basis consistent with this data?

If NO, further assess

IF YES, check rate:

Grades 4-6 \*If reading below 60wpm, will dig deeper in accuracy.

Phonics assessment tools

Also consider raising expectations to 98% accuracy.

Once accuracy is validated-Go to building fluency!



# Data Indicates Need: Where is your response targeted?

- Building Level
- Grade Level
- Classroom Level
- Small Group Level
- Individual Student Level



# Building Level: Fluency Building

- Middle School Example
  - Knoxville Middle School
    - Brian McNeill, Principal
  - Data Driven Decisions
  - 2007-08 MANY kids in Box 3
  - Fall 2008- Moved Box 3 kids to Box 2
    - Too many for intervention groups
    - Decided on distributed practice model-BEEF UP CORE!
    - Professional development Provided to all teachers (see samples)



# Building Level: Fluency Building

- Middle School Example
  - Data Results
  - Data NEW: Still figuring growth rates etc.

	ORF: Made Growth Fall-Winter	Map Test: Made Growth Fall-Winter
6th	94%	83%
7th	80%	76%
8th	80%	69%





# Fluency



## What Students Need to Learn:

- How to read words (in isolation and in connected text) accurately and quickly with little attention or effort
- How to automatically recognize words (decoding)
- How to increase speed (or rate), improve accuracy, and read with expression (prosody)



# Fluency



## How We Teach It:

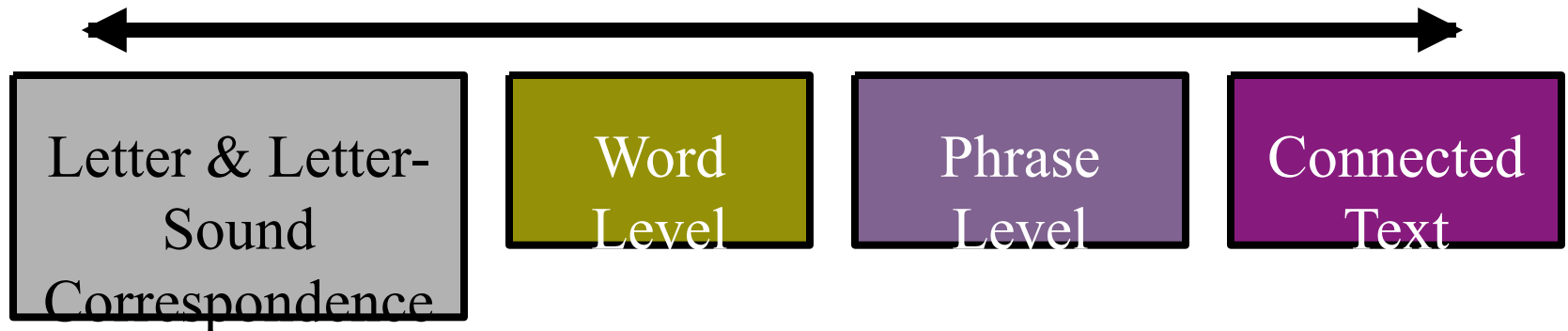
- Provide opportunities for oral repeated reading with support and feedback
- Match reading texts and instruction to students' reading levels
- Provide opportunities to read narrative and expository texts
- Monitor students' progress in both rate and accuracy



# Fluency Continuum

- Practice needs to occur at the appropriate level(s).*

## Fluency





## Patterns for speed drills

- Short vowel words (a, i) (tan, tin)
- Short vowel and magic e words (dot, dote)
- Irregular words (was, saw, they, were)
- Suffixes (ed, ing)
- Prefixes (un, re)



## Group 3

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### **Question:**

\*Is the student performance on an every day basis consistent with this data?  
NO, re-assess  
YES,  
Conduct Error Analysis  
Gather Error Samples from Instructional Level Material  
Consider Using Phonic  
Assessment Tools: Quick Phonics  
Greener, San Diego Quick Screen,  
Multi-Syllabic Word Lists,

Diagnostic Assessments: Phonetics



# Data Indicates Need: Where is your response targeted?

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# Examples: Phonics Instruction

- Building Level
- Grade Level
- Classroom Level

Expectation set that every teacher models chunking of every multi-syllabic vocabulary word in every content area.

- Small Group Level
- Individual Student Level

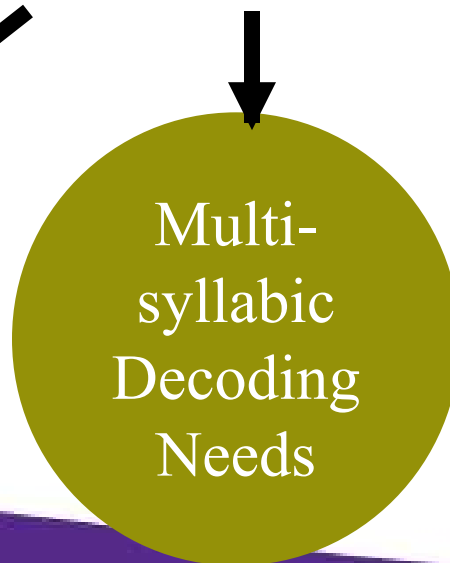
Rewards, multi-syllabic program, done 15 min. daily  
For approx. 9 weeks.  
(1/2 lesson a day for 20 Lessons)



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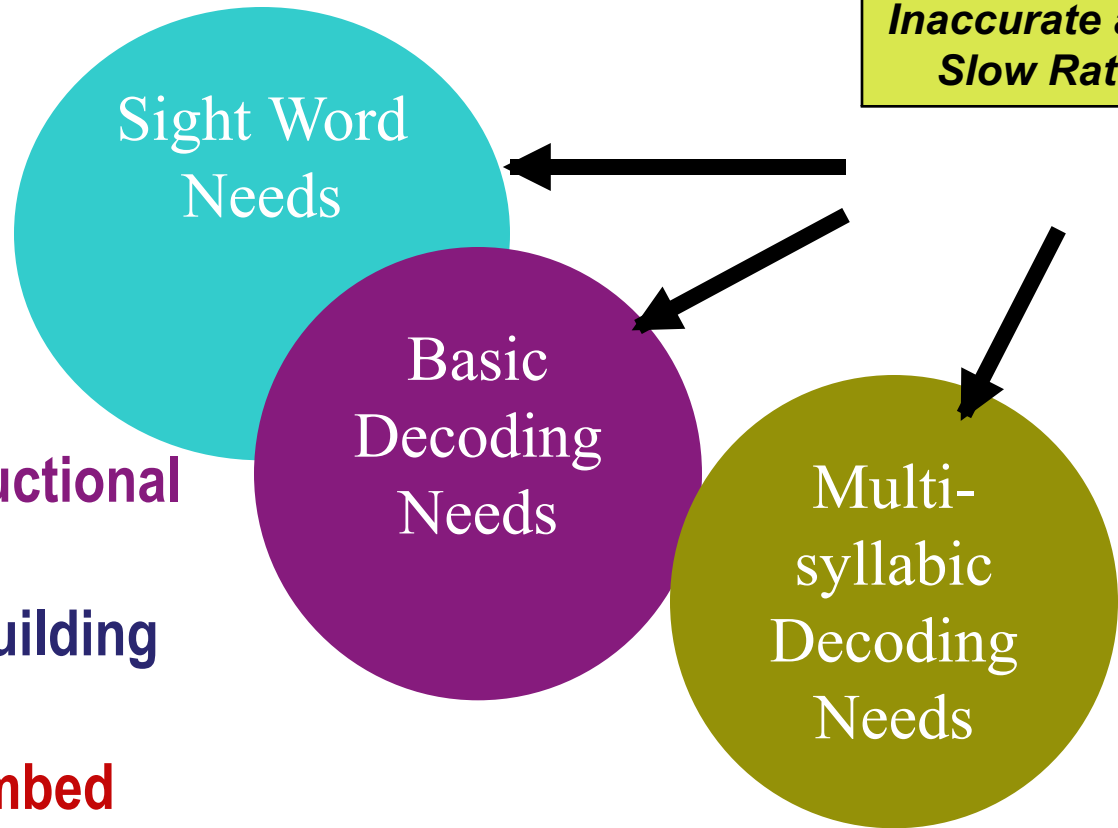
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Slow Rate**

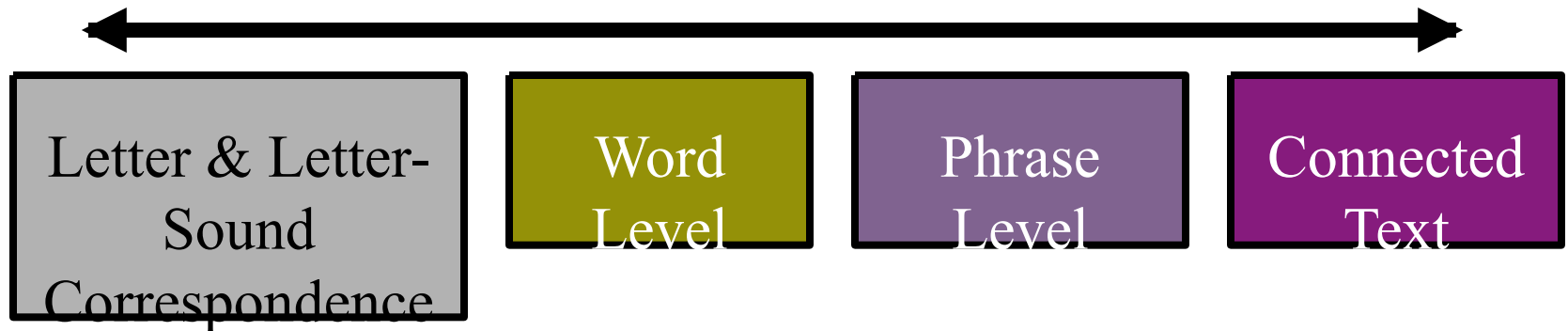


- **Teach to instructional needs**
- **Add fluency building activities**
- **Continue to embed comprehension checks/strategies**



Instruction needs to occur at the appropriate level(s)  
ALL MOVE TO CONNECTED TEXT!

## Accuracy/Decoding Instruction





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**Group students according to similar needs:**

- **Multi-syllabic Error Pattern**
- **Basic Decoding Skills**
- **Sight Word Difficulties**

**Teach to instructional needs**

**Add Fluency Building Activities**

**Continue to embed comprehension checks/ strategies**



# Phonics Study



## What Students Need to Learn:

- The alphabetic principle
- Phonic elements (e.g., letter-sound correspondences, spelling patterns, syllables, word parts)
- How to apply and generalize phonics elements as they read and write **in content area classes**



# Phonics Study



## How We Teach It:

- Provide explicit, systematic phonics instruction in:
  - A set of letter-sound relations
  - Blending sounds to read words
- Include practice reading texts
- **Give substantial practice applying phonics as students read and write**
- Monitor students' progress to inform instruction
- Teach GENERALIZATION in content area classes



# Blending routines

- Smoothly sounding out (treat the “slow” sounds and “quick” sounds differently)
- Vowel first blending
- Extends to multisyllabic words (loops under parts)



## Group 3 Considerations

- Link Error Samples to Specific Instruction...
  - Is there a need for a specific instructional tool/program or just systematic explicit instruction with practice?
    - For example: If only error pattern is silent “e”, probably doesn’t need a systematic decoding instructional program.



## Why learn to read big words?

- Fluent reading depends on the ability to quickly analyze and recognize multi-syllable
- Flexibility with big words is essential for students as they read, write, and learn in all areas of school and life. Many big words occur infrequently, but when they do occur they carry a lot of the meaning and content of what is being read.





# HINTS

## (Reading and understanding big words)

**H**ighlight the prefix and/or suffix.

**I**dentify the vowel sounds in the root word.

**N**ame the root word.

**T**ie the parts together.

**S**ay the word.

(Vaughn-Gross Center for Reading and Language Arts)



## Common Prefixes and Suffixes

### Prefixes

un

re

im, in, il

dis

em, en

non,

in

### Suffixes

-s, -es

-ed

-ing

-ly

-er, -or

-ion, -tion

-able, -ible



# Group 4

Further investigate inaccuracy

**Assisted Self-Monitoring (Pep Talk Test)**

Criterion is for accuracy to increase by 50% or to

attain a level of 95%

**Assisted Monitoring (Table Tap Method)**

Immediate correction equals no further

investigation in decoding

When unable to correct, do error analysis

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Instructional Recommendations for  
Building Monitoring Skills

**Assisted Self-Monitoring**  
**Assisted Monitoring**

If student doesn't improve accuracy with  
assisted monitoring, use strategies from  
Group 3 to teach decoding skills.

## References

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# Punch Line

- If you want to see it, teach it!
- If you teach it, assess it!
- If you assess it, analyze it, use it to guide instruction!
- Assess again to see if instruction was effective!