

Quick Reference: Learning and Instruction

Objective:

To evaluate, develop, and implement systems for curriculum, instruction, data, supports, and assessment that ensure effective learning and improve student outcomes.

Key Components:

1. Curriculum Development and Evaluation

- Ensure that the curriculum is aligned with state and district standards.
- Regularly review and update instructional materials to reflect student needs and best practices.

2. Instructional Strategies

- Promote differentiated instruction to meet the diverse needs of students.
- Implement evidence-based teaching practices that support all learners.

3. Assessment and Data Use

- Utilize formative, summative, and diagnostic assessments to monitor student progress.
- Use data to drive instructional decisions and to provide timely feedback to students and parents.

4. Supports for Learning

- Ensure that students receive the necessary supports, including accommodations and interventions.
 - Foster collaboration between staff and specialists to address student needs.
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My Role in the School-Testing Program:

- **Testing Schedule:** Ensure that all staff are informed about upcoming testing dates and preparations.
 - **Data Collection:** Help collect and organize student data from assessments for analysis and feedback.
 - **Communication:** Share results with staff and provide recommendations for instructional adjustments based on data.
 - **Professional Development:** Participate in training to stay current with assessment tools and strategies.
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Steps for Implementation:

1. **Assess Current Practices:**
Review existing curriculum and instruction for alignment with standards.
 2. **Integrate Data Systems:**
Implement a robust data system for tracking student progress and informing instruction.
 3. **Create Support Structures:**
Develop tiered support strategies based on assessment data (e.g., RTI, academic interventions).
 4. **Regular Review and Feedback:**
Encourage ongoing dialogue about instructional strategies and student progress during staff meetings.
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Quick Tips for Staff:

- **Use Data Proactively:** Don't wait for the end of the year—use data throughout the year to adjust instruction.
- **Collaboration is Key:** Work closely with your colleagues and specialists to identify and address student needs early.
- **Engage Students:** Ensure students are actively involved in their learning through regular feedback and opportunities for self-assessment.