Using an Adaptive Intervention Coaching Model to Support Teachers' Implementation of a Multi-Component Text-Based Knowledge Building Routine



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Agenda

- State of Adolescent Literacy: Importance of Building Schoolwide Literacy Models
- A Line of Integrated Literacy and Knowledge Building Work Including Adaptations Made In Response to
 - Findings about the Student Needs,
 - Practice Considerations, and
 - School-Level Supports
- Example of a Systematic Coaching Model
 - What does it look like?
 - What are the findings from the pilot study?
 - What were some challenges?
- Final Thoughts/Reflection



There's a need to be able to **read and comprehend complex text to acquire content knowledge** at the secondary level



Many Middle School Students Struggle with Reading

	Below	NAEP	<u>NAEP</u>	<u>NAEP</u>	
YEAR	NAEP Bas	ic <u>Basic</u>	<u>Proficient</u>	<u>Aavancea</u>	
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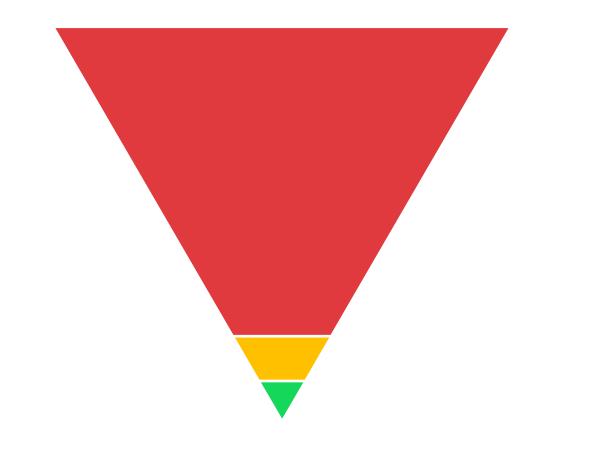
NAEP Basic

- locate information in a text
- identify main idea
- identify theme
- identify author's purpose
- make simple inferences
- interpret meaning of a word as it is used in text



Flipped Triangle









Every Morning...

SCHOOL BUS

STOP

Integrated Literacy & Knowledge Building Approach

Elementary

Coherent and Cumulative Content

ELA

Content Rich
 ELA Curricula

Literacy Skills and Knowledge Base Needed for Comprehension and Content Acquisition

Secondary

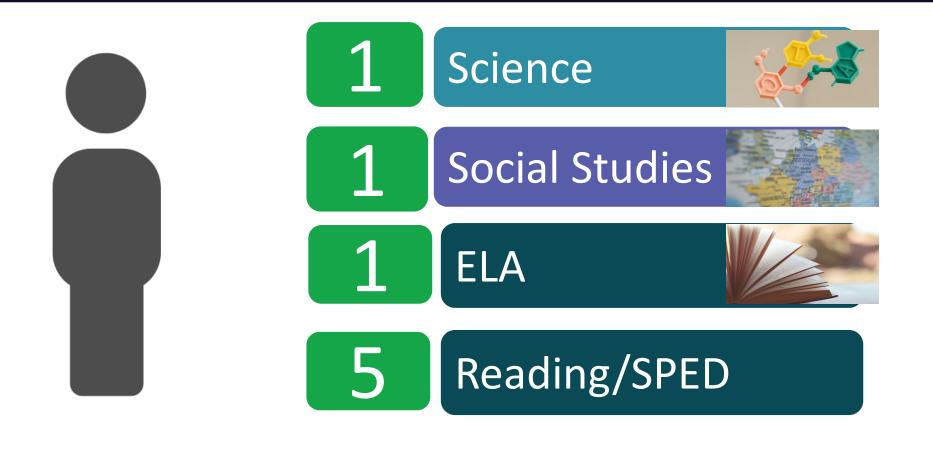
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Coherent and Cumulative Content [their curriculum]

 Integrated Literacy and Knowledge Building Approach

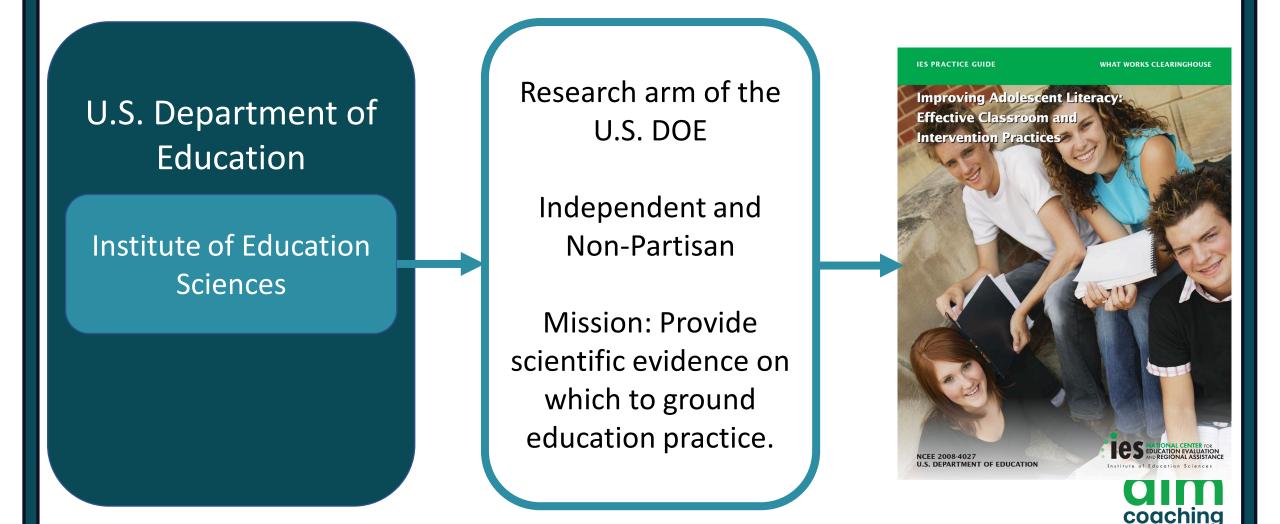
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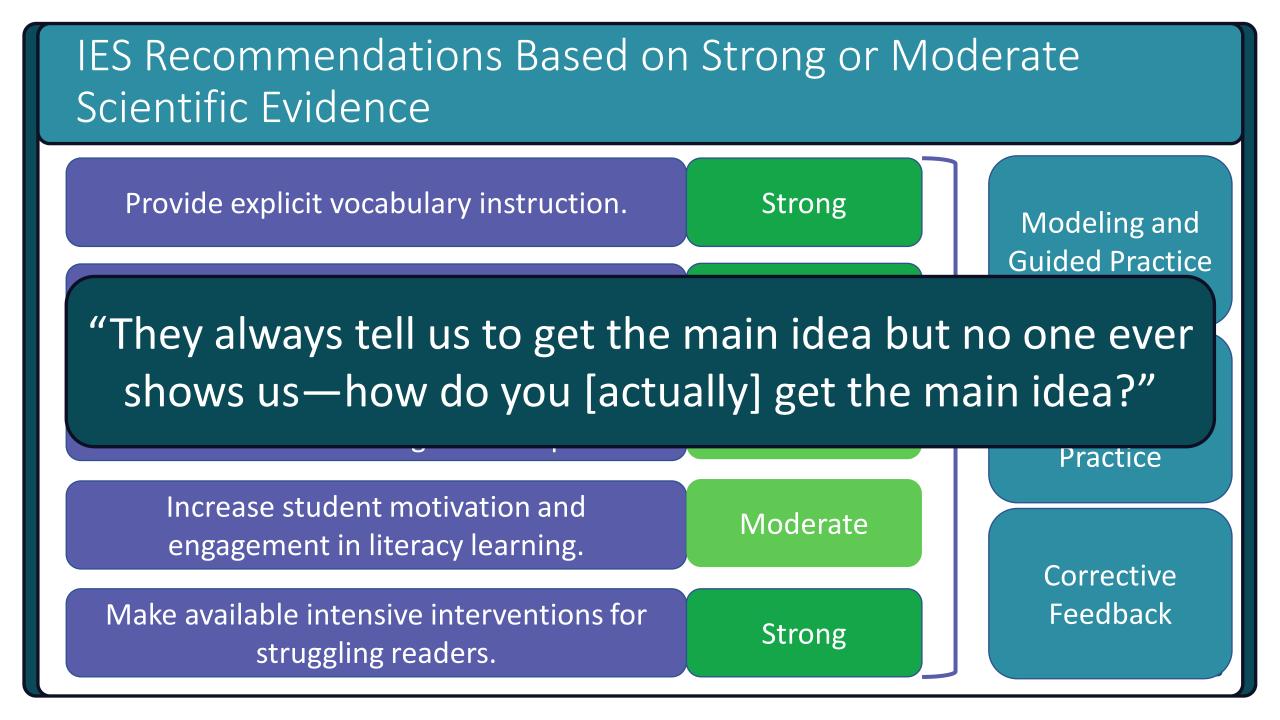
School-Wide Literacy Models Provide for Struggling Readers in an Efficient Way



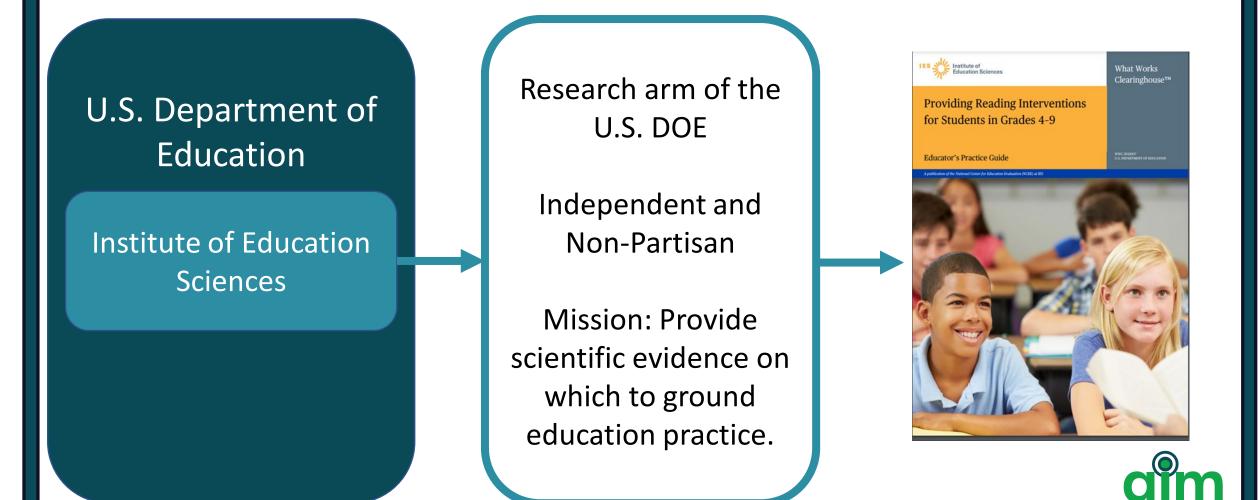


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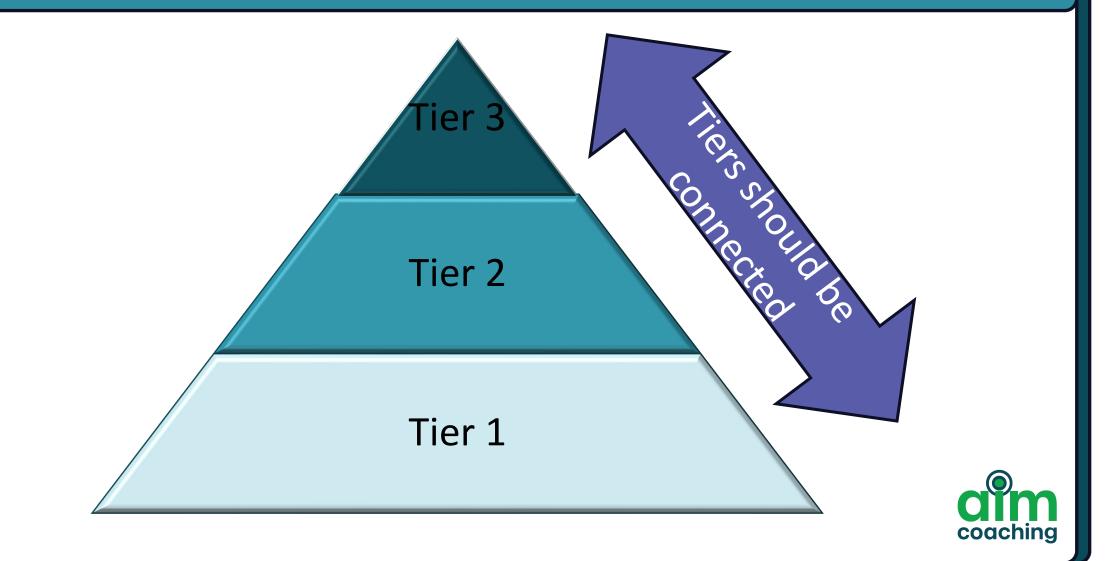


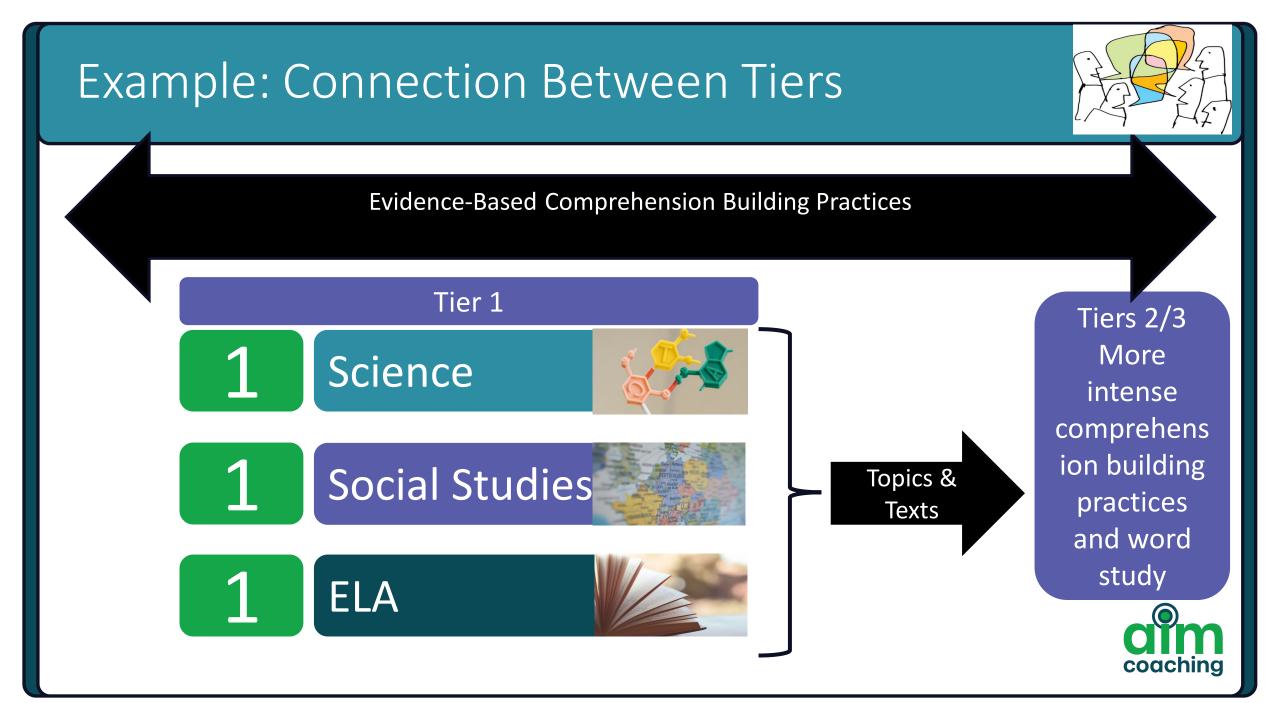
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IES Recommendations Based on Strong or Moderate Scientific Evidence: Providing Reading Interventions for Students in Grades 4-9 (2022)

Build students decoding skills so they can read complex multisyllabic words	Strong	
Provide fluency-building activities to help students read effortlessly	Strong	Guided Practice
Routinely use a set of comprehension- building practices to help students make sense of text	Strong	Opportunities to Respond and Practice
Provide students with opportunities to practice making sense of stretch text.	Moderate	Corrective Feedback

Connection Between Tiers of Support





A Line of Integrated Literacy and Knowledge Building Work

- Phase I: PACT (IES)
- Phase II: PACT Plus (OSEP)
- Phase III: AIM Coaching (IES)
- Phase IV: District Scale-Up (no one...yet!)

Phase I: PACT

US History; 8th grade; unit-based content approach

Comprehension Canopy	Essential Words	Critical Reading	Team-Based Learning
Building background knowledge	Building vocabulary knowledge	Facilitating text comprehension through reading and text-based discussion	Comprehension ChecksKnowledge Acquisition

Vaughn et al. 2013; 2015



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The American Revolution • Lesson 2

Letter From Benjamin Franklin

January 6, 1766

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In my own private judgment, I think an immediate repeal of the Stamp Act would be the best measure for this country. The repeal would fill them with joy and gratitude, re-establish their respect and veneration for Parliament, and restore at once their ancient and natural love for this country and their regard for everything that comes from it.

I am, with much esteem, your obliged friend,

B. Franklin

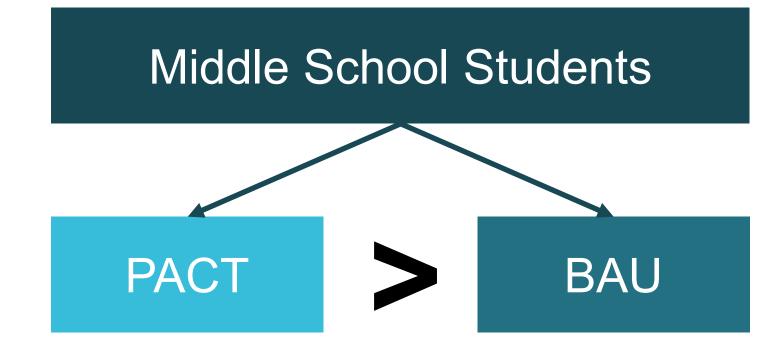
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What does Benjamin Franklin fear the new taxes will cause?

If the British government had listened to Benjamin Franklin, could war have been avoided? Why or why not?

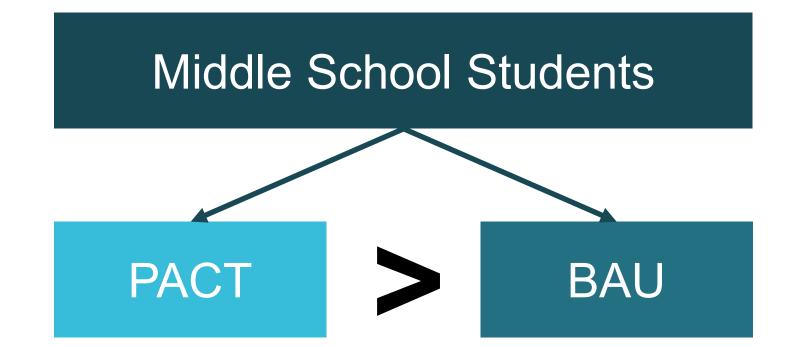
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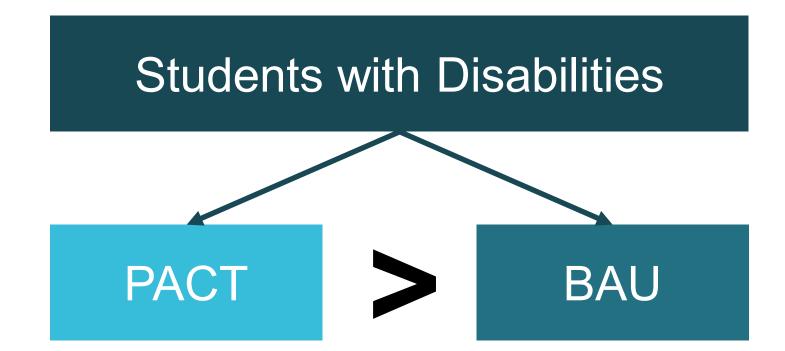
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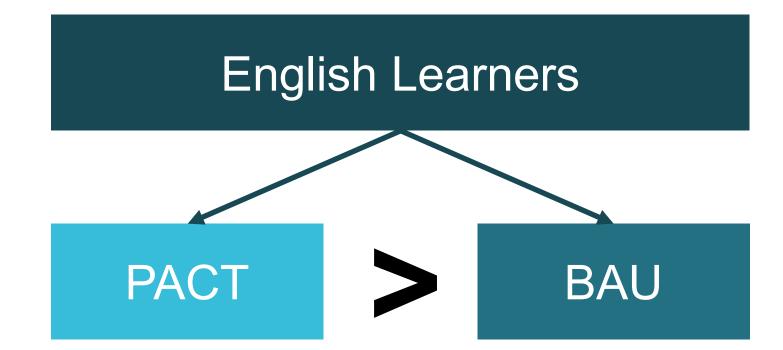
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Vaughn et al., 2015



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Swanson et al., 2015



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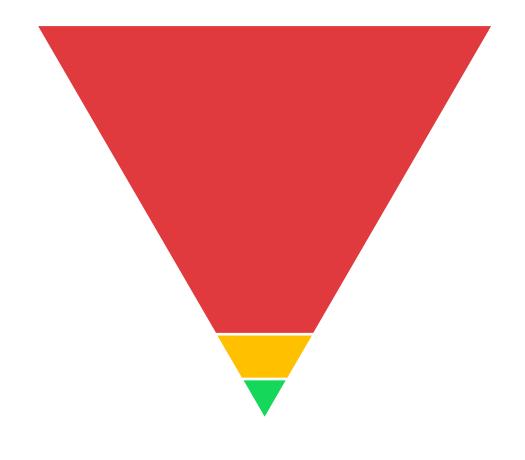


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Wanzek et al., 2016

Phase II: PACT Plus

How can we extend PACT **beyond social studies**?



PACT Plus Practices



Content and curriculum agnostic; text-based

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The Practices

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Wexler et al. (2022)

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More Intensive Explicit Instruction Options

The Integration of Strategy Instruction: Get the Gist with Gist Pointers



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Embedded Explicit Strategy Instruction Option

Get the Gist Cue Card

Step 1 – Answer: Who or what is this section mostly about?

- Is anyone or anything mentioned most frequently?
- Be sure to check pronouns, pictures, captions, and headings.

Step 2 – Answer: What is the most important information about the who or what?

- What information relates to the:
 who or what,
 - o culminating question, and/or
 - o essential word(s)?
- Be sure to check pictures, captions, and headings.

Step 3 – Write a gist statement.

- Be sure your statement identifies:
 - \circ the most important who or what and
 - the most important information about the who or what.
- Be sure your statement is short but complete with: o a capital letter,
 - \circ a period, and
 - \circ approximately 10 words.

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Model Get the Gist

The Venus flytrap is an insect-eating plant that lives mostly on the East Coast. Found primarily in swampy parts of the United States, like North and South Carolina, the Venus flytrap has colorful pink and green hues. Like most other plants, Venus flytrap get some nutrients from the soil, but since swampy areas tend to have soil that is nutrient-poor, it is hard for the plant to get nutrients from there. As a result, the flytrap has evolved to not only rely on the soil to survive. The Venus flytrap is a carnivorous plant because it catches insects and eats them to get the nutrients that it can't get from the soil.

Section 1		
Who/What?	Most Important Information	
Venus flytrap		
Gist Statement		

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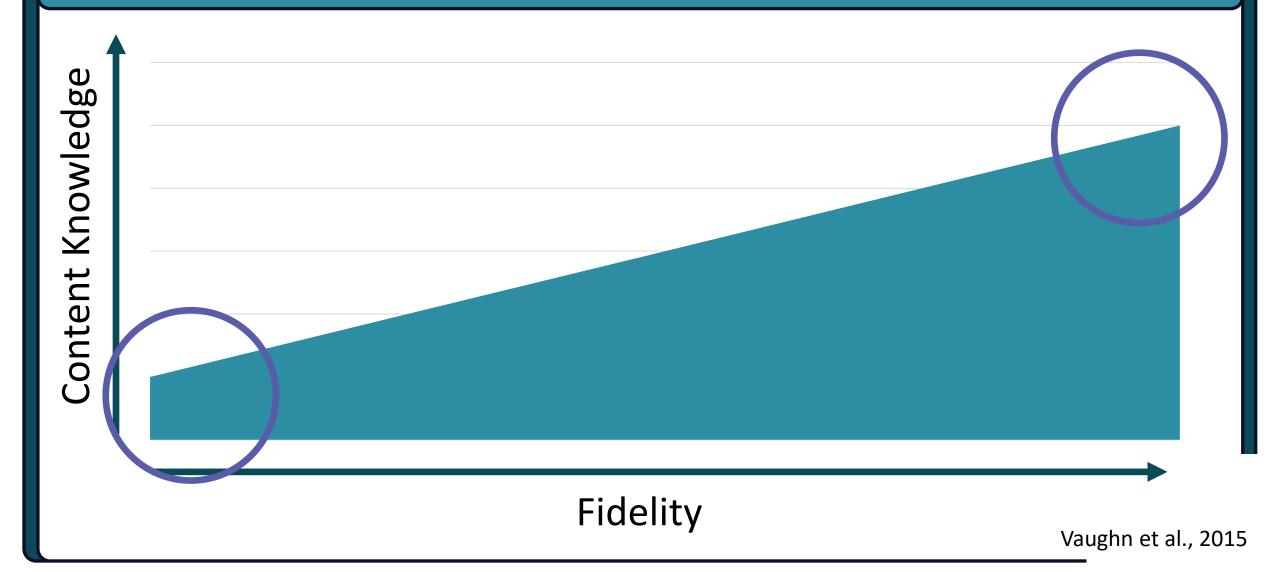
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Fidelity with Allowable Customization

Active Ingredients Negotiables and Non-Negotiables

Fidelity Matters: PACT Study



Tension Between Fidelity and Students' Needs



Students' Needs



EDUCATION OPINION

Why Is Fidelity Always Seen as the New Four-Letter Word?

By George Toman — January 05, 2020 🕔 6 min read

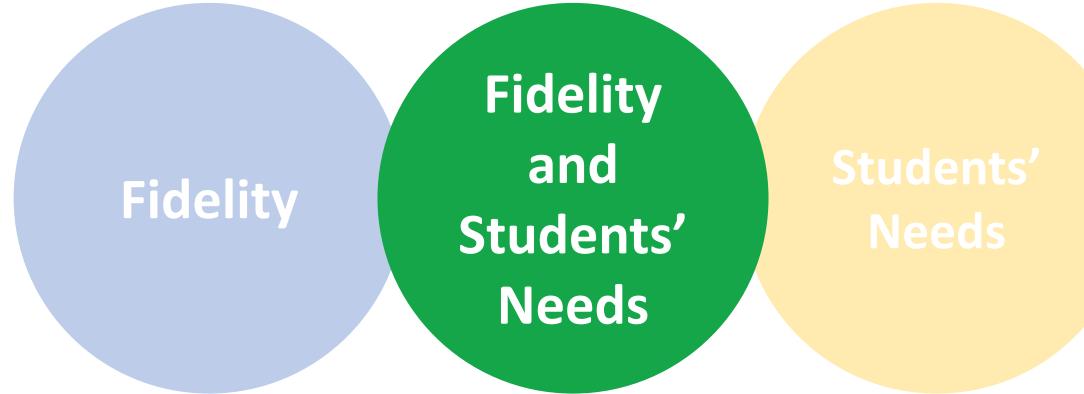


Fidelity in Teaching Young Children: Two Stories of Professional Integrity

Daniel J. Castner 2021

Fidelity Accounting for Students' Needs







Let's Consider This....

Fidelity ensures the effectiveness of interventions (Fixen et al., 2005).

- However, interventions are often implemented in a limited or modified way (Boardman et al., 2005; Moir, 2018).
- How practitioners perceive and implement an intervention provides valuable insight into its potential acceptability, feasibility, usability, and sustainability (Harn, et al., 2013; Rademaker, et al., 2021).
- Some adaptations may even increase the efficacy of the intervention (Castro, Barrera, & Martinez, 2004; Webster-Stratton et al., 2011).



Active Ingredients

Practice	Non-Negotiables	Negotiables – when appropriate
Comprehension Canopy	Provides background information necessary to comprehend the text	Uses springboard format other than visual; Facilitates turn and talk with small groups vs pairs
Essential Words	Teaches 1-2 words	Does not use EW organizer; Does not include non- example (if appropriate)
Critical Reading	Facilitates Get the Gist for each section of text	Does not use graphic organizer and/or gist pointers

Pacing

Minute	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5		Comprehension	Essential		
5		Canopy	Words		
10		Essential			
10		Words			
15					
20					
25		CR Sections 1-4 + Culminating			
30		Question			
35					
40					
45					



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10	Essential Words			Culminating Question	
15	CR Section 1				
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Provide School Level Supports

Systematic Coaching Model

Phase III: AIM Coaching



IES:

To evaluate AIM Coaching under *rigorous research conditions*—with a focus on promise of effectiveness

(Wexler, Swanson, & Roberts)

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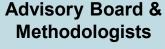
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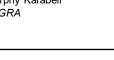
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School-Wide Implementation of PACT

Teachers need ongoing PD to implement PACT.

What type of coaching support is available to teachers in middle schools?

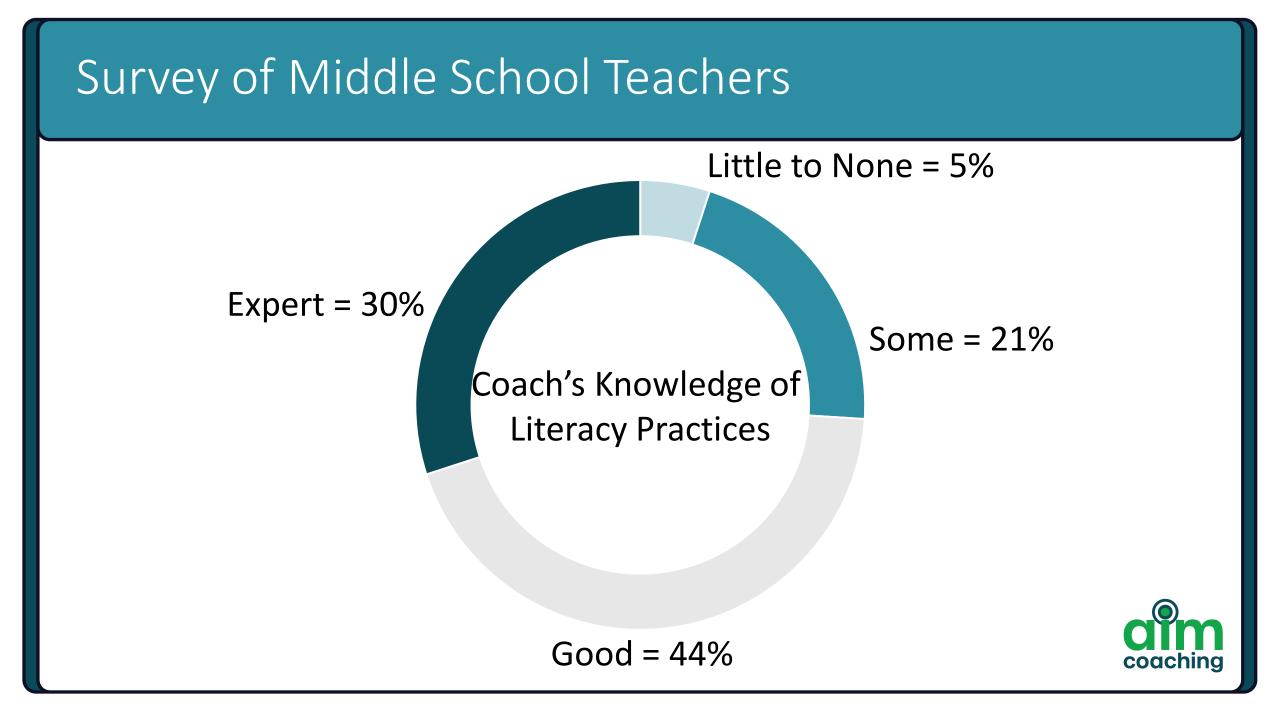




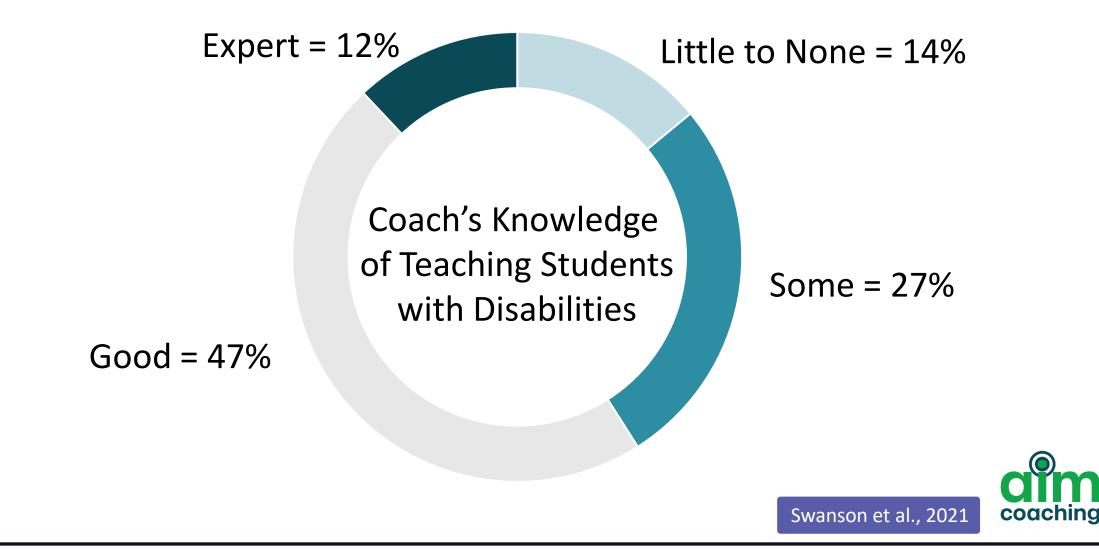
Survey of Middle School Teachers



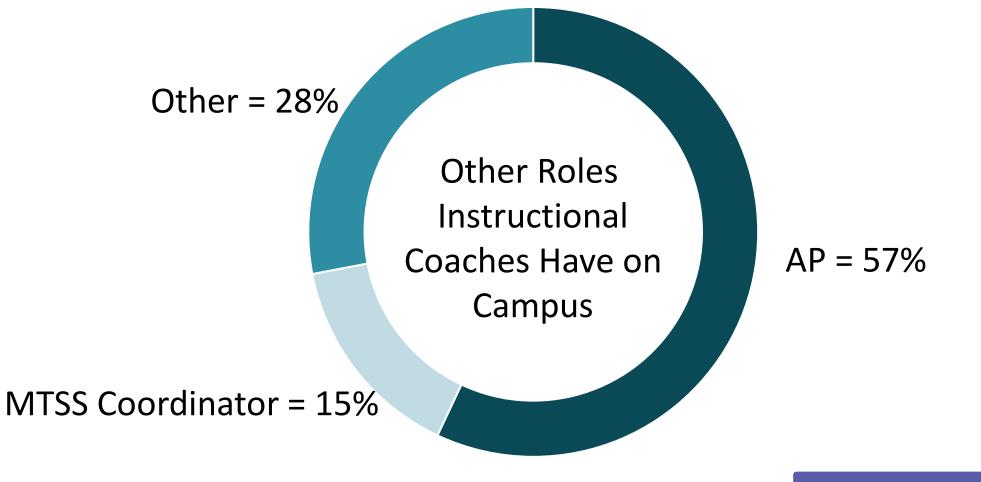




Survey of Middle School Teachers



Survey of Middle School Instructional Coaches



Swanson et al., 2021

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Survey of Middle School Instructional Coaches

	Range	Average
Number of students in the school	24-2,100	790

What inhibits your ability to coach?

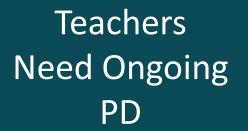
1. Time constraints

2. Too many teachers to coach

3. Need additional PD on coaching methods



Identifying a Need



Lack of Coaches

Stretched Thin

Lack of Guidance Coaching model that tailors activities to teachers' needs in a way that maximizes coaching time and allows for customization of the coaching model



How is AIM Coaching different?

Data-Based

Coaches use teachers' skill and will data to make differentiated coaching decisions

Systematic

Coaches follow specific guidelines to determine how to differentiate coaching support

Efficient

As coaches provide less support or peerbased support to some teachers, they have more time to provide support to other teachers

What is an adaptive intervention?

Type or amount of support participants receive is differentiated based on participant characteristics



In AIM Coaching, the type and amount of *coaching teachers* receive is differentiated based on *teacher* characteristics



What is an adaptive intervention?

Adaptive interventions promote positive academic and behavioral outcomes

Differentiated support is repeatedly adjusted over time in response to participants' ongoing performance



In AIM Coaching, differentiated *coaching* is repeatedly adjusted over time in response to *teachers'* ongoing needs



Premise Supporting AIM Coaching

- Teachers have differing:
 - pre-service experiences
 - in-service experiences
 - instructional strengths
 - instructional needs
- We use Multi-Tiered Systems of Supports to address student needs.
 - individualized
 - time efficient
- Can we apply this idea to literacy coaching?



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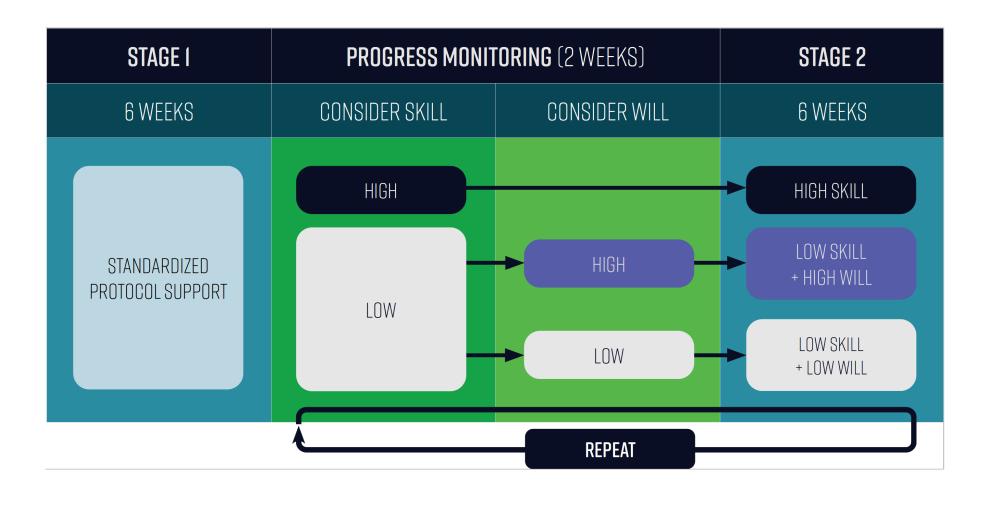
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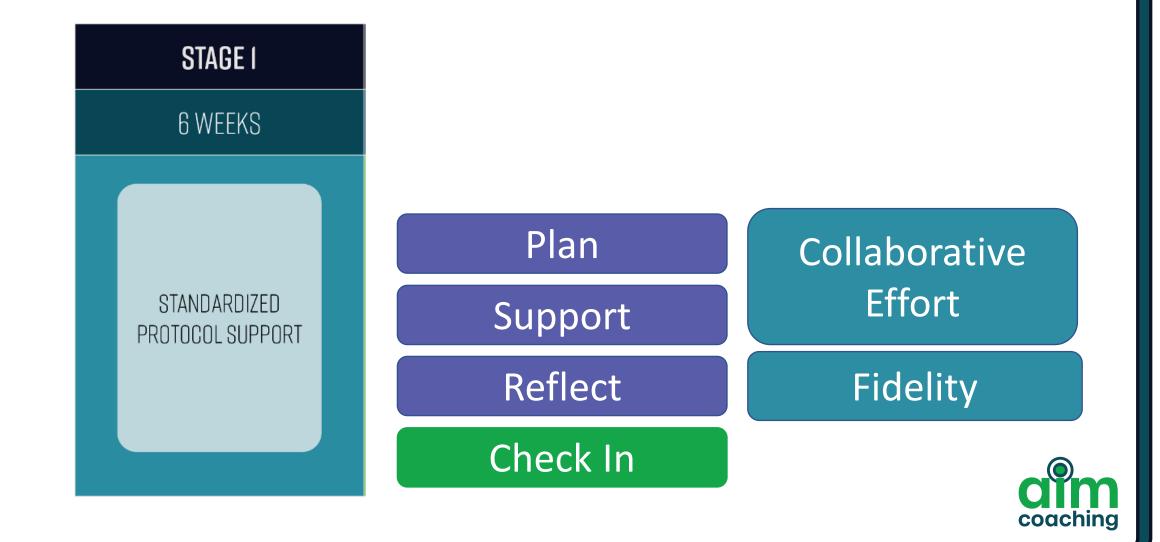
AIM Coaching Model



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Stage 1



Stage 1 Log

Teacher Name: ____

Stage 1 Log

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COACHING ACTIVITIES	NOTES
🗆 Plan – Date:	
\Box Review goals	
🗆 Review student data	
\Box Choose materials	
\Box Plan lessons	
Review criteria for success	
\Box Determine coach role	
🗆 Support – Date:	
\Box Model	
🗆 Co-teach	
\Box Assist	
🗆 Reflect – Date:	
\Box Discuss feedback	
🗆 Review student data	
\Box Problem solve	
\Box Set goals	
🗆 Check-In #1 – Date:	
\Box Praise	
\Box Follow-up feedback	
□ Help or support (e.g., resource)	
🗆 Check-In #2 – Date:	
\Box Praise	
\Box Follow-up feedback	
\Box Help or support (e.g., resource)	

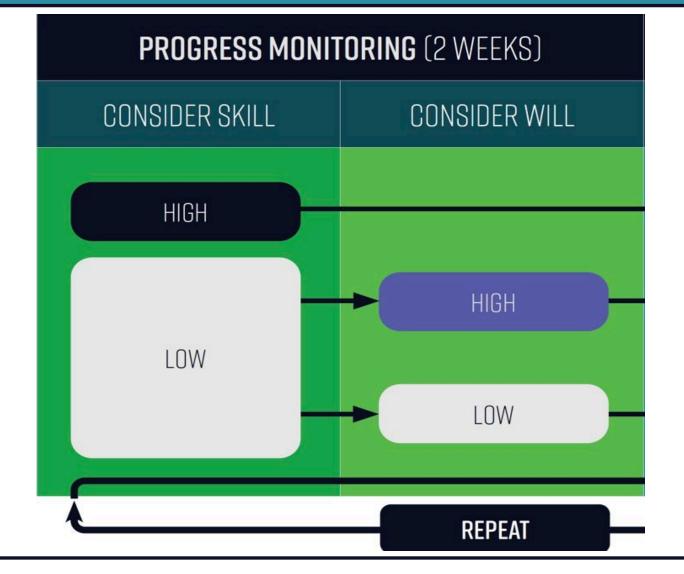


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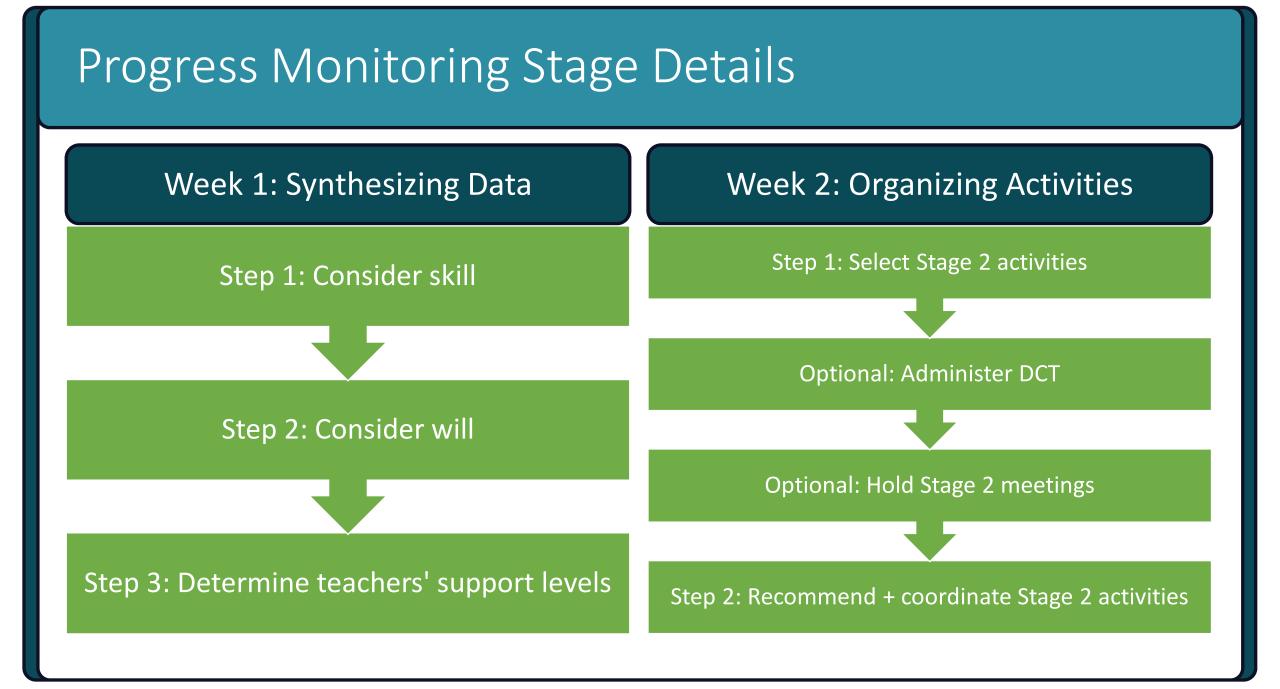
	WEEKLY COLLABORATIVE EFFORT RATINGS								
STAGE I WEEKS			F	ATING		NOTES			
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Week 2			□3	4	🗆 N/A (explain)				
Week 3		2	□3	4	🗆 N/A (explain)				
Week 4	1		□3	4	🗆 N/A (explain)				
Week 5	1		□3	4	🗆 N/A (explain)				
Week 6			□3	4	🗆 N/A (explain)				



Progress Monitoring







Step 1: Consider Skill

HO2

Coach Name: _		Prog	ress Monitoring St	age Planning S	Sheet		
NAME	AVERAGE Fidelity score	ANECDUIAL INFORMATION (ONLY IF OVERRIDING SCORE)	SKILL LEVEL	AVERAGE Collaborative Effort score (only if low skill)	ANECDOTAL INFORMATION (ONLY IF OVERRIDING SCORE)	WILL LEVEL	STAGE 2 Support
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Step 2: Consider Will



Consider will using collaborative effort scores

• Calculate average collaborative effort scores across each week

			WEEK	TIVE EFFORT R	ATINGS		
STAGE I WEEKS			R	ATING			NOTES
Week 1	1		□3	4	\Box N/	A (explain)	
Week 2		2	□3	4	\Box N/	A (explain)	
Week 3	\Box_1		□3	4	\Box N/	A (explain)	
Week 4		2	□3	4	\Box N/	A (explain)	
Week 5	\Box_1		□3	4	\Box N/	A (explain)	
Week 6			□3	4	\Box N/	A (explain)	
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Notes:							

Step 2: Consider Will (cont'd)

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Step 3: Determine Teachers' Support Levels

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Optional: Diagnostic Coaching Tool

Gathers information that will help the coach:

- Identify reasons for teachers' low skill and/or low will
- Target these reasons during Stage 2

Measures teachers' perceptions regarding:

- PACT
- AIM Coaching
- School support

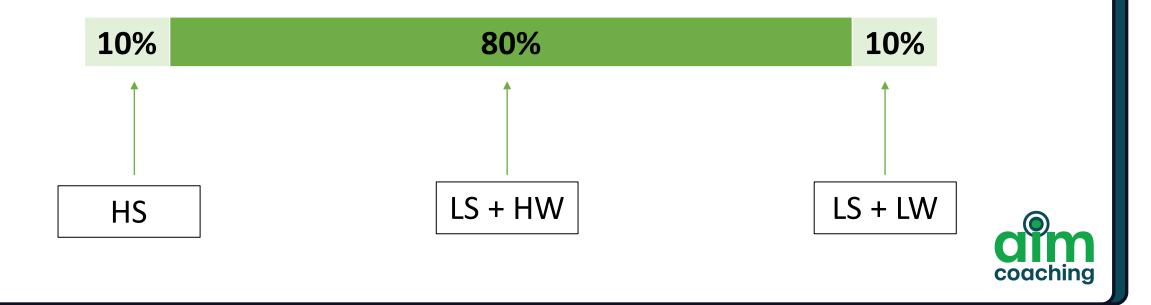
eacher Name:									
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Diagnostic Coaching Tool									
ITEMS ABOUT PACT Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree									
I have the knowledge and skills I need to implement PACT as designed.	1	2	3	4	5				
It is easy for me to implement PACT as designed.	1	2	3	4	5				
My students' behavior enables me to implement PACT as designed.	1	2	3	4	5				
The time preparing to implement PACT is manageable.	1	2	3	4	5				
I think that PACT will help my students become more proficient in reading.	1	2	3	4	5				
I think that PACT will help my students become more proficient in my subject area.	1	2	3	4	5				
I am motivated to implement PACT in my classes.	1	2	3	4	5				

Step 1: Select Stage 2 Activities

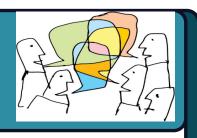
Select 1-2 activities per teacher

Prioritize activities for teachers with Low Skill + High Will

Facilitate activities for teachers with High Skill or Low Skill + Low Will



Select Stage 2 Activities



High Skill

Leading Professional Learning Communities

Video Self-Reflection

Low Skill + High Will

Increased Dosage

OR

Stage 1 Plus 1, including:

- Peer Observations
- Professional Learning Communities
- Video Reflection

Low Skill + Low Will

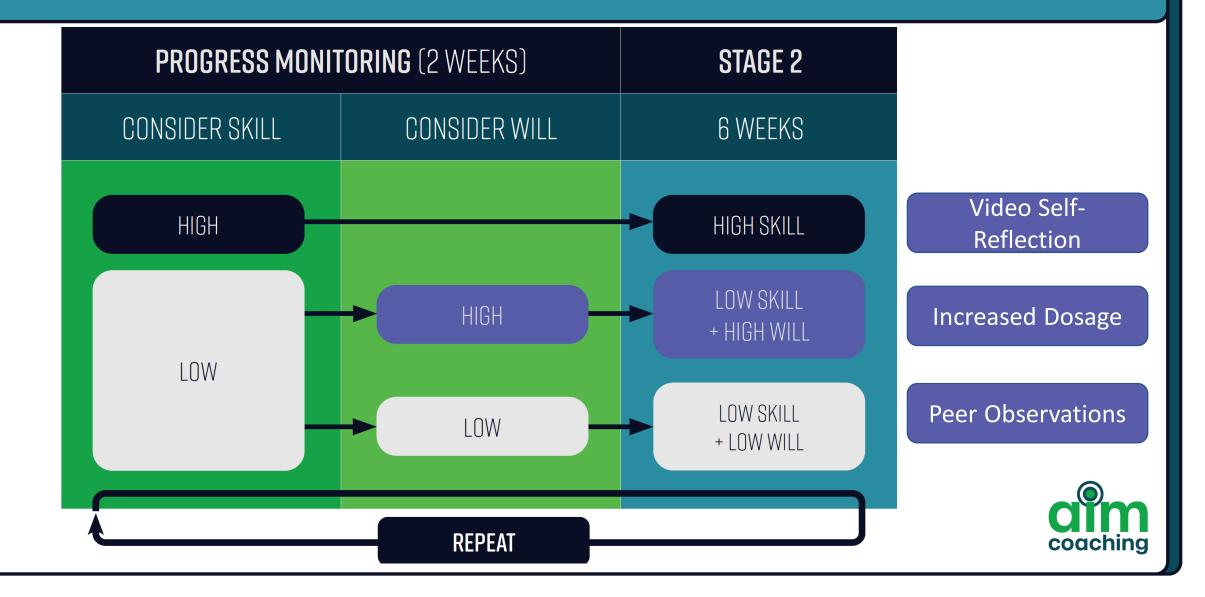
Peer-Based Interventions

- Peer Observations
- Professional Learning Communities

BONUS: Professional Spotlighting

- Public Praise
- Mini-Leadership Opportunities

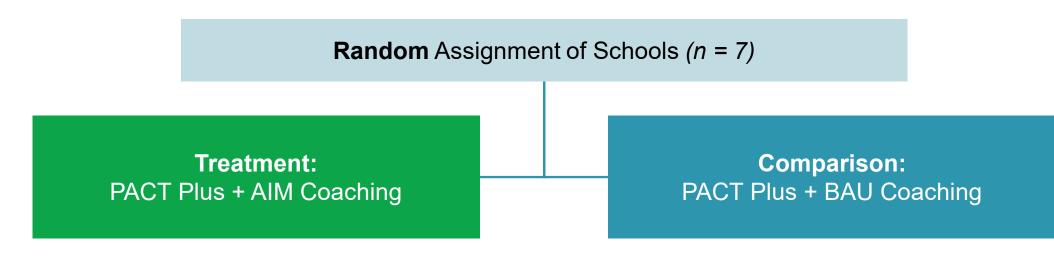
Stage 2



Allowable Customization

- Team of coaches vs one coach
- Fidelity
 - Overriding skill/will levels
- Stage 2
 - Menu of activities
 - Group vs individual sessions
 - Virtual options
 - Allow for variation in SW-PACT implementation to avoid saturation

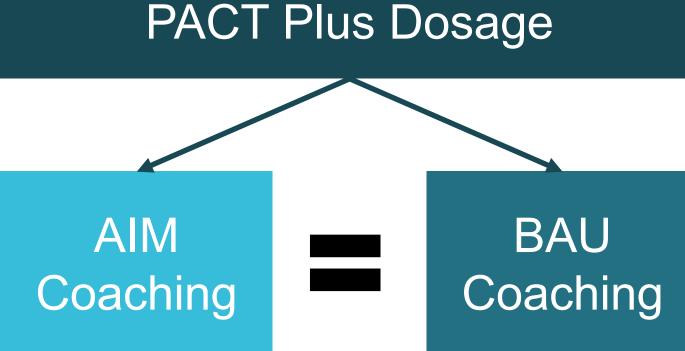
AIM Coaching IES Pilot Study Design (2022-2023)







PACT Plus Dosage AIM





PACT Plus Fidelity AIM Coaching

PACT Plus Fidelity

Student Outcomes? Cautiously Optimistic Considering...

- The challenge of finding positive effects for experimental studies of instruction
 - for middle school students, particularly in content-area settings (Swanson et al., 2017)
 - where PD is the IV (Garet et al., 2016; Wexler et al., 2022)
 - considering our available measures

Student Measures

- Test of Sentence Reading Efficiency and Comprehension (TOSREC; Wagner et al., 2010)
- Main Idea Measure (MIM; Wexler et al., 2022)

Challenges and Solutions



Challenge and Solution

Distributed vs non-distributed PD

- Want as soon as possible so the learning trickles down; if you scaffold teacher learning students don't get the benefits fast enough
- Need to manage teacher cognitive load
- Solution: Non-distributed PD and extended Stage 1
- Why? Practices were theoretically linked and 'simple enough'; we wanted students to benefit from them all



Challenge and Solution

Lack of Coaches

- Not enough coaches
- Solution: Allowed one coach or a team of coaches to implement AIM Coaching
- We determined that a single coach needs about 1.5 hours per week per teacher. Therefore, in a school with 20 teachers, AIM Coaching would require the coach to have a total of 30 hours per week.
- Often one lead coach and then content-area lead teachers
- With a team approach: need to clarify roles and coordinate activities



Challenge and Solution

Fidelity of the coaching intervention

- How do we capture it in a customizable model?
- Solution:
- Coaching log = adherence data
- Quality data-? Observations?

**We need more empirical information about the extent to which coaches' adherence and quality to a coaching model influence teacher outcomes.

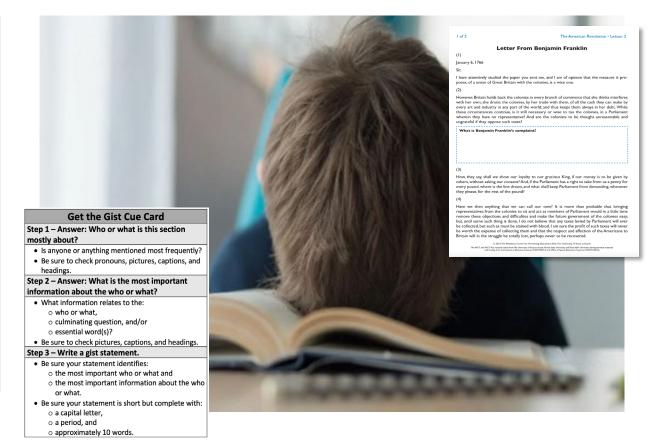


Discussion: How This Work is Informing Our Understanding of *Reading Comprehension*

Gain knowledge from reading



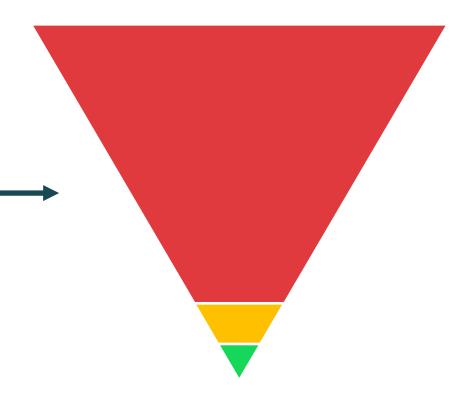
Provide background knowledge



Discussion: How This Work is Informing Our Understanding of

How to Prepare Teachers to Improve Students' Reading Comprehension

- Improving reading comprehension using these approaches requires very skilled teachers
- Remember:
- We need to support teachers' varying skill and will needs with data-based differentiated coaching



Final Reflection/Review

- 1. How will you use fidelity checks to support implementation of adopted school-wide literacy practices?
 - Have you thought about the active ingredients of the practices?
 - How will you communicate this to your teachers?
 - Will you use fidelity as an appraisal process or a way to empower teachers?
- 2. What school-level supports will be in place to support implementation of school-wide literacy models?
 - Do you have a coach or team of coaches?
 - Do you have a systematic coaching model for them to use?



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