Explicit Instruction in Mathematics



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Broad math in preK predicted K broad math

Broad math in preK predicted grade 10 broad math



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http://www.greatertexasfoundation.org/trajectories-of-mathematics-performance,

Counting in K predicted grade 1 broad math

Broad math in K predicted grade 8 broad math

K math accurately predicted math performance below 10th percentile in grades 2 and 3 with 84% correct classification



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Addition influenced arithmetic with increasing importance from grades 1 to 5

Grade 1 arithmetic predicted arithmetic at grades 2, 3, and 4

Grade 1 broad math predicted broad math at grades 3, 5, and 10



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Counting and comparison in grades 2 or 4 predicted broad math 1 year later

Fractions at 10-12 years old predicted broad math 5 years later

Broad math in grade 7 predicted broad math in grade 8





Broad math in grade 8 predicted completion of 4-year college degree

Students who took algebra in grades 8 took more advanced math courses and enrolled in 4-year colleges more often than students who took algebra in grade 9

Numeracy measured in adolescence impacted hourly earnings 7 to 15 years later



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Mathematics in preschool predicts later mathematics

Mathematics in kindergarten predicts later mathematics

Mathematics in elementary school predicts later mathematics

Mathematics in middle school predicts later mathematics

Mathematics in high school predicts later outcomes



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Intensive Intervention in Mathematics

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Students who demonstrate persistent mathematics difficulties and whose performance is severely below grade level require intensive intervention. Intensive intervention is an individualized approach to instruction that is more demanding and concentrated than Tier 2 intervention efforts. We present the elements of intensive intervention that teachers should consider when planning for, implementing, and monitoring intensive intervention in mathematics. Each of these elements is based on evidence from validated interventions. We also highlight strategies for intensifying instruction. We provide two examples of intensive intervention, one of which haunches from a Tier 2 intervention platform and the other which is completely generated by a teacher. We conclude with considerations for intensive intervention in mathematics.

INTENSIVE INTERVENTION IN MATHEMATICS

The mathematics performance of at-risk students can be improved with a secondary (i.e., Tier 2) intervention provided within a multitiered system of support (e.g., Bryant, Bryant, Gersten, Scammacca, & Chavez, 2008a; Fuchs, Fuchs, Craddock, et al., 2008). Some students, however, require more than a Tier 2 intervention. For students who demonstrate persistent mathematics difficulty (MD), that is, students whose performance is severely below grade level and who have not responded to Tier 2 intervention, intensive intervention is necessary. The purpose of this article is to introduce readers to the basics of intensive intervention for students with MD. Our model of intensive intervention relies on individualized instruction based on the needs of the student (Fuchs, Fuchs, & Vaughn, 2014; Vaughn & Wanzek, 2014; Wehby & Kern, 2014). This individualization often occurs at Tier 3 within the typical three-tier system of support (Stecker, Fuchs, &

Tier 3 intervention is more intensive, and the mathemat-Fuchs, 2008). ics content and pedagogy are substantially different from that delivered at Tiers 1 and 2. This is necessary because a student only enters Tier 3 intensive intervention when instructional models employed at previous tiers have proven unsuccessful in meeting the student's needs. In an individualized approach to intensive intervention, frequent progress monitoring is essential. Teachers' use progress-monitoring data to make individualized, data-based decisions about the student's instructional program. Tier 3 is noticeably different from Tier 2 intervention, which involves a standard (nonindividualized) program, representing a single approach that is packaged in a manual.

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The intensive (individualized) intervention should be built upon existing structures, often starting with a validated Tier 2 program when available (McInerney, Zumeta, Gandhi, & Gersten, 2014). The Tier 2 program is used as a platforma starting point from which the teacher modifies the validated, standard intervention, in response to ongoing progressmonitoring data, to formatively develop individualized, intensive intervention. It is important that the Tier 2 program be validated and address key mathematics deficits for the individual student. By validated, we mean that there is positive evidence, collected during at least one well-conducted randomized control trial, that the program improves the mathematics outcomes of students with MD in a Tier 2 intervention. To be clear, in this article, we refer to a Tier 2 program to denote its use at Tier 2, where the program is implemented with fidelity according to the procedures under which it was validated. For its use in intensive intervention, we use the term platform to denote a validated Tier 2 program that is modified in Tier 3 to meet a student's individual needs (i.e., the platform from which the individualization program is

When selecting a Tier 2 intervention program to use as a

platform (i.e., starting point) for Tier 3 intensive intervention, it is important to consider whether the validated program provides evidence of efficacy for students with very severe or persistent MD (Fuchs, Fuchs, & Malone, 2015). The Academic Intervention Tools Chart from the National Center on Intensive Intervention (www.intensiveintervention.org) provides descriptions of efficacy studies of mathematics intervention programs, with summaries of results. Intervention developers are provided with the opportunity to report disaggregated results for students with very low mathematics performance from the larger sample of at-risk students who were included in the study. Selecting a program with demonstrated success for very low performers increases the likelihood of success with a student who has a history of poor response.

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Let's think about designing the instructional platform...













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Place Value

Recognize that in a multi-digit number, a digit in one place represents ten times what it represents in the place to its right... Recognize that in a multi-digit number, a digit in one place represents 10 times as much as it represents in the place to its right and 1/10 of what it represents in the place to its left.

Understand that the three digits of a three-digit number represent amounts of hundreds, tens, and ones. Compose and decompose numbers from 11 to 19 into ten ones and some further ones...

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Use place value understanding to round whole numbers to the nearest 10 or 100.

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Solve word problems that call for addition of three whole numbers whose sum is less than or equal to 20...

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A practice that has shown **consistent and positive** results



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An intervention (i.e., packaged program) that has shown **consistent and positive** results





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Instruction Lesson 5: Crossing Decades

Skill	Objective(s)
Ordering and Comparing Numbers	 Students will identify 1- and 2- digit numbers. Students will identify the missing number in 3-number sequences.

Vocabulary

- **Count up:** A strategy to find a number missing from the middle or end of a 3-number sequence. Students count forward from the least number.
- **Count down:** A strategy to find a number missing from the beginning of a 3-number sequence. Students count backward from the greatest number.

Materials

• Wipe board (T & S)

- Hundreds chart (T & S)
- Dry-erase marker (T & S)
- Teacher & Student Master, pp. 9-10





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Week 1: The Big Parade

Day: 1, 2, 3, 4

Common Core Domains and Clusters Addressed: Counting and Cardinality

- Know Number Names and the Count Sequence
- Count to tell the Number of Objects
- Compare numbers
- Numbers and Operations in Base Ten
- Extend the Counting Sequence
- Understand Place Value



The new apprentice arrives in NumberShire and everyone is excited! The villagers decide to throw a parade, but they need help organizing it. Example lessons include comparing groups of floats in the parade and helping Minstrel Max bundle stacks of coins into a ten so that he can help fund the parade.

Week 2: Building and Baking

Day: 1, 2, 3, 4

Common Core Domains and Clusters Addressed: Counting and Cardinality

- Know Number Names and the Count Sequence
- Count to tell the Number of Objects
- Compare numbers
- Operations and Algebraic Thinking
- Understand and Apply Properties of Operations and the Relationship between Addition and Subtraction
- Add and Subtract within 20
- Numbers and Operations in Base Ten
- Extend the Counting Sequence
- Understand Place Value

It's a busy week and there's a lot to do. First, Thatcher Tom stops by to spruce up the player's house. He needs help sorting individual blocks of wood and sticks of ten to make teen numbers. The bakery is really busy getting ready for a big event, so the apprentice stops by to help Night Owl the Baker. Challenges include writing numbers in frosting and adding one more cake to each order.





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A method or strategy that has shown consistent and positive results



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promising practice

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Assessment data to show results

Improvement from before intervention

Improvement compared to no treatment students

Replication

Multiple researchers

Multiple students

Multiple times

Setting and students similar to your own

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Modeling	Practice
Clear	Guided
Explanation	Practice
Planned	Independent
Examples	Practice

Supports

- Asking the right questions
- Eliciting frequent responses
- Providing immediate specific feedback
- Maintaining a brisk pace



Goal and importance



"Today, we are learning about division. This is important because sometimes you have to share objects or things with your friends."

"Let's continue working with our three-dimensional shapes and volume. Understanding volume and calculating volume helps with measuring capacity."



Goal and importance

Modeling

Clear Explanation

> Planned Examples

Model steps

"To solve 26 plus 79, I first decide about the operation. Do I add, subtract, multiply or divide?"

"The plus sign tells me to add. So, I'll add 26 plus 79. I'll use the partial sums strategy. First, I add 20 plus 70. What's 20 plus 70?"

"20 plus 70 is 90. I write 90 right here under the equal line. Where do I write 90?"

"Then I add 6 plus 9. What's 6 plus 9?"

"6 plus 9 is 15. So, I write 15 here."

"Finally, we add the partial sums: 90 and 15. 90 plus 15 is 105. So, 26 plus 79 equals 105."



Modeling Clear Explanation Planned Examples

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With examples

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24 / 6 28 ÷ 7 35) 5



Goal and importance



Model steps

With examples

With non-examples

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 $32 \div 8$ $42 \div 7$ 25 - 5









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Practice

Guided Practice

Independent Practice











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Low-level and high-level

"What is 7 times 9?"

"Which shape has 6 sides?"

"What do you do when you see a word problem?"

"Why do you have to regroup?"

"How would you solve this problem?"

"Why do you have to use zero pairs?"

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Low-level and high-level

Classwide, individual, partner, write on paper, write on whiteboard, thumbs up, etc.

"Turn and discuss the formula for perimeter with your partner."

"Write the multiplication problem on your whiteboard."

"In your math journal, draw a picture to help you remember to term *parallelogram*."



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Affirmative and corrective

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"Good work using your word-problem attack strategy."

"Let's look at that again. Tell me how you added in the hundreds column."



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How do you use explicit instruction?

- Model steps using concise language
- Provide guided practice opportunities
- Provide independent practice opportunities
- Use supporting practices during modeling and practice
 - Ask the right questions
 - Elicit frequent responses
 - Provide feedback
 - Be planned and organized





Instructional Platform

INSTRUCTIONAL DELIVERY

Explicit instruction

Precise language

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES



Use formal math language

Use terms precisely



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- 7. Some math terms are related but have distinct meanings





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- 7. Some math terms are related but have distinct meanings
- 8. An English math term may translate into another language with different meanings

mesa vs. tabla



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four vs. forty



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one-fourth vs. one quarter

skip count vs. multiples



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rhombus vs. diamond vertex vs. corner



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Use formal math language

Use terms precisely





How do you attend to mathematical language?

Understand formal mathematical language
Plan for mathematical language to be precise
Plan for mathematical definitions to be concise





Instructional Platform

INSTRUCTIONAL DELIVERY

Explicit instruction

Precise language

Multiple representations

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES



Abstract

Concrete

Pictorial





Three-dimensional objects











Two-dimensional images













Two-dimensional images











	34 = 3 tens and 4 ones
2 + 8 = 10	





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How do you use multiple representations?

Use three-dimensional concrete materials

- Use two-dimensional representations
- Ensure students understand mathematics with numbers and symbols (i.e., the abstract)













100 addition basic facts

• Single-digit addends sum to a single- or double-digit number

	5	(<u>addend</u>)
+	4	(addend)
	9	(sum)



Addition: Part-Part-Whole (Total)

Count one set, count another set, put sets together, count sum





Addition: Join (Change Increase)

Start with a set, add the other set, count sum





Total

Parts put together into a total

 Angie saw 4 cardinals and 5 blue jays. How many birds did Angie see?

4 + **5** = **?**



Change

An amount that **increases** or decreases

 Pam had \$4. Then she earned \$3 for cleaning her room. How much money does Pam have now?

4 + **3** = **?**



Subtraction

100 subtraction basic facts

 Subtrahend and difference are single-digit numbers and minuend is single- or double-digit number

16	(minuend)
<u> </u>	(subtrahend)
8	(<u>difference</u>)



Subtraction: Separate (Change Decrease) Start with a set, take away from that set, count difference





5 - 3 = 2



Subtraction: Compare (Difference)

Compare two sets, count difference





5 - 3 = 2



Change

An amount that increases or **decreases**

 Amanda had 9 cookies. Then she ate 2 of the cookies. How many cookies does Amanda have now?

<u>9</u> – 2 = ?


Difference

Greater and less amounts compared for a difference

- Scott has 9 apples. Cathy has 4 apples. How many more apples does Scott have? (How many fewer does Cathy have?)
 - 9 4 = ?



Multiplication

100 multiplication basic facts

• Multiplication of single-digit factors results in a single- or doubledigit product

	2	(<u>factor</u>)
<u>×</u>	3	(factor)
	6	(<u>product</u>)



Multiplication: Equal Groups

Show the groups, show the amount for each group, count product



$3 \times 2 = 6$



Multiplication: Array/Area Make the array, count product





Multiplication: Comparison

Show a set, then multiply the set



$3 \times 2 = 6$



Equal Groups

Groups multiplied by **number in each group** for a **product**

• Carlos has 2 bags of apples. There are 6 apples in each bag. How many apples does Carlos have altogether?

• 2 × 6 = ?



Comparison

Set multiplied by a number of **times** for a **product**

- Beth picked 6 apples. Amy picked 2 times as many apples as Beth. How many apples did Amy pick?
 - 6 × 2 = ?



Division

90 division basic facts

• Divisor and quotient are single-digit numbers and dividend is single- or double-digit number



Division: Equal Groups (Partitive Division) Show the dividend, divide equally among divisor, count quotient



 $6 \div 3 = 2$



Division: Equal Groups (Measurement Division)

Show the dividend, make groups of the divisor, count groups







 $6 \div 3 = 2$



Equal Groups

Groups multiplied by **number in each group** for a **product**

- Carlos has 12 apples. He wants to share them equally among his 2 friends. How many apples will each friend receive?
 - 2 × ? = 12
- Carlos has 12 apples. He put them into bags containing
 6 apples each. How many bags did Carlos use?
 - ? × 6 = 12





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6 + 3 =	
1 + 7 =	9
6+4=	8
7 + 3 =	10
2 + 7 =	10
5+6=	9
4 + 7 =	11
7+8=	11
6+7=	15
7 + 9 =	13
7+6=	16
8 + 7 =	13
7 + 0 =	15
9+6=	7
6+0=	15
б + 8 =	6
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	Taped Problems						
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× 4	× 4 × 9		× 7				
6	8	4	5				
× 7	× 8	× 8	× 7				









	(<u>place</u> sum or product <u>from</u> baggie here)

















































How do you build fact fluency?

□ Teach the *concepts* of the operations

Teach strategies to understand how facts fit together

Practice building *fluency* with a variety of activities and games









Don't tie key words to operations



Do teach word-problem schemas



SOLVE

Study the problem.Organize the facts.Line up the plan.Verify the plan with computation.Examine the answer.

SIGNS Survey questions Identify key words Graphically draw problem Note operations Solve and check





Schemas

When teaching about word problems, students should learn the *schema* of the word problem.







Don't tie key words to operations



Do have an attack strategy



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How do you incorporate effective problem-solving strategies?

- Don't use key words tied to operations
- Do teach students an attack strategy
- Do teach students schemas

Do explicitly teach problem solving

- Do provide problem-solving instruction regularly (i.e., several times a week)
- Do practice schemas that students will encounter regularly







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