

# Embedded Instruction: Supporting Individualized Learning Goals within the Mainstream Lesson

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# This session will focus on:

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- embedded systematic instruction to teach academics to students with significant intellectual disability.
- planning and implement grade-linked instruction in English/language arts, mathematics, and science aligned to the outcomes
- models of instruction will be provided with curricular frameworks and lesson plans with explicit guidance.
- strategies that can be used to collaborate with general educators, to generate grade-linked lessons in core academic content areas.
- implementation feasibility, K-12 application, and inclusive practices

# Systematic Instruction: An Evidence Based Practice

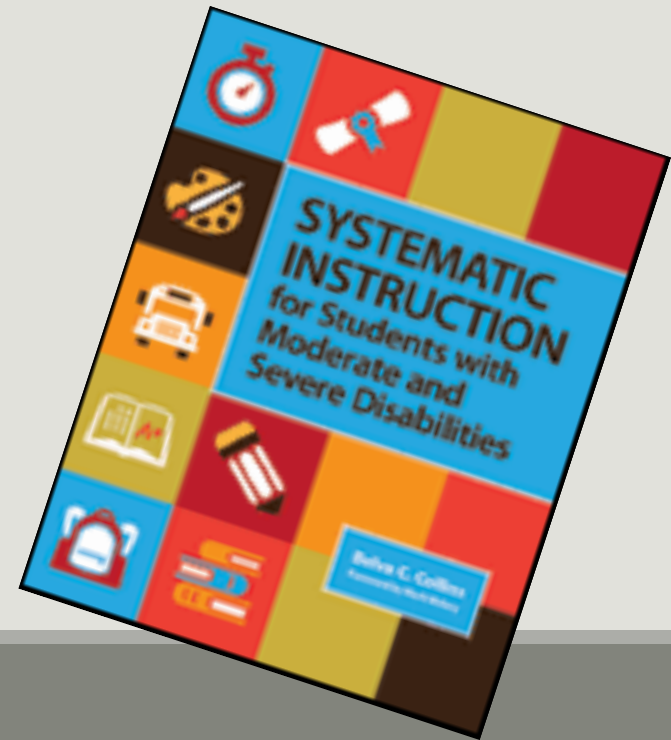
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To teach:

## ACADEMICS

Spooner, Knight, Browder, & Smith (2011)

Spooner, Knight, Browder, Jimenez, & DiBiase, 2011



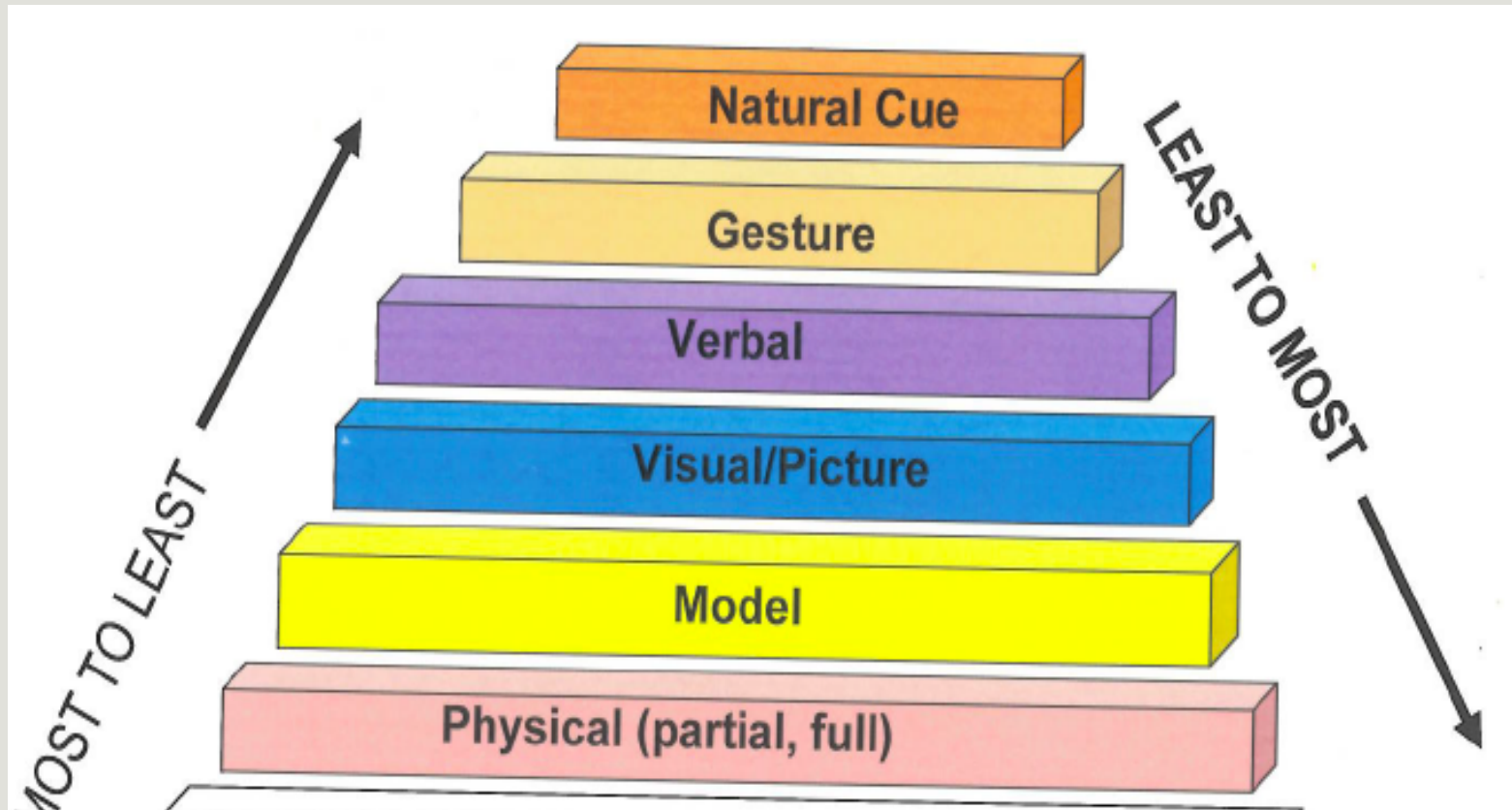
# Examples from the Field

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Specifically **time-delay**, **task-analysis**, and **prompting hierarchies** were found to be effective strategy when teaching reading and literacy skills, science and math to students across all grade levels.

# Prompting Hierarchy

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# Barriers and Concerns

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Students with severe disabilities have intensive support needs (Kennedy & Horn, 2004)

Spooner, Dymond, Smith, and Kennedy (2006) described the “multifaceted” barriers to providing students with significant intellectual disabilities access to the general curriculum



MIXED MESSAGES

# Massed

vs.

# *Distributed Trials*

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Instructional targets  
occur one after the  
other with no time  
between each  
“acquisition and initial  
learning”

Instructional targets  
are naturally  
embedded in ongoing  
activities throughout  
the day  
“facilitates  
generalization”



# *Definition of A Practice*

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Jimenez & Kamei (2013): comprehensive literature review

-Embedded instruction, academic outcomes, moderate & severe intellectual disabilities

“explicit, systematic instruction designed to distribute instructional trials within the on-going routines and activities of the performance environment”

McDonnell, Johnson, & McQuivey, 2008

# Is embedded instruction an Evidence-Based Practice?

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Comprehensive literature review (Jimenez & Kamei, 2013)

- ❖ Inclusion Criteria
- ❖ Horner's (2005) quality indicators
- ❖ Horner et al. (2005) criteria for single subject studies to prove an EBP
  - ✓ 5 quality studies
  - ✓ 3 independent research teams
  - ✓ 20 participants
  - ✓ 3 geographical locations

Strong or moderate (acceptable) levels of causal inference.

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is embedded  
instruction happening?

- 11/11 studies used EI in the inclusive classroom

Elementary (6)

Secondary: Middle Schools (8) & High Schools (1)



# can I embed learning trials?

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Role Call, bathroom breaks

Transitions (e.g., lecture to science lab)

Cooperative Learning Groups

Ongoing lesson

Science = 7

Math = 2

LA = 6

Social studies = 3



# embeds the instruction?

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**GENERAL EDUCATORS (4)** (e.g., Polychronis, McDonnell, Johnson, Riesen, & Jameson, 2004)

**SPECIAL EDUCATORS (3)** (e.g., Collins, Evans, Creech-Galloway, Karl, & Miller, 2007)




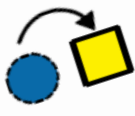
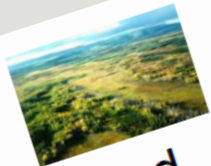
**PARAPROFESSIONALS (5)** (e.g., Riesen, McDonnell, Johnson, Polychronis, & Jameson, 2003)





**PEERS (3)** (e.g., Jameson, McDonnell, Polychronis, & Riesen, 2008; Jimenez, Browder, Spooner, & DiBiase, 2012)

# But . . . How do I “make it happen”

Identify student academic goals

- Social Skills
- Academic Readiness
- Grade Aligned
  - Big Ideas, Vocab.

\_\_\_\_\_ is when  wind  and  rain  shape the  land.

| KWHL Chart   |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|
|  What do we <b>K</b> now? |  What do we <b>W</b> ant to know? |  How can we find out? |  What did we <b>L</b> earn? |
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Example of word/picture/concept set for Unit 2.



Kinetic energy

\_\_\_\_\_ is the energy of motion.



# Generalization of “instruction” to Inclusive Math Class

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3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, or 5<sup>th</sup> grade

- Based on chronological age; not math achievement

Target skills identified from special education teacher/class lessons

Taught by teaching assistant in general education math class

Taught using embedded instruction

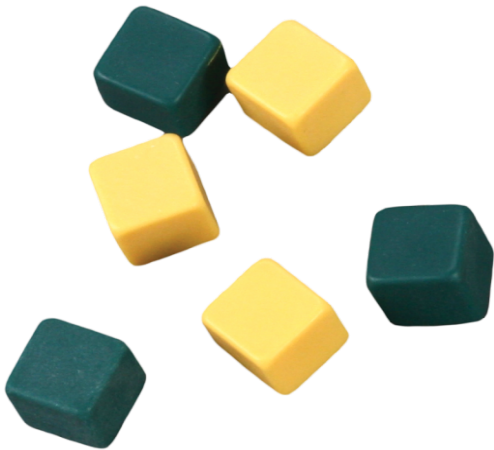


# Example

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## General Education Math Lesson

- Using sets to develop understanding of multiplication or division
- Creating 3 sets of 4
- Dividing 12 into 3 sets



## Embedded instruction

- Create sets up to 5 (skill learning in Early Numeracy instruction)
- Generalized to general education math materials for creating sets
- Extended to multiplication
- Can select number from number line to label sets
- Using number line from Early Numeracy instruction in general education math classroom
- May be able to count to find multiplication answer

Embedded skills delivered by  
paraprofessional

4-5x per week

# Inclusive Education

Overall Fidelity %: \_\_\_\_\_ Early Math INCLUSION TA Fidelity – Level 2.1

2010

- ONLY need to embed 1 trial of 6 skills within lesson. Do you not score after 6<sup>th</sup> skill is embedded (if applicable).

| Math Skills<br>Identify 6 math skills to<br>embed per lesson. If<br>opportunities arise to embed<br>more - great! | Prompts   | Embedded<br>Skill | Used TD | Used Appropriate<br>prompt/feedback |
|---|---|-------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Count 1-5 moveable<br>objects by pushing<br>each across a line   | Count like this: 1..2...(etc.)<br>Move each item off the line<br>as you count. Count them<br>all and then say, "Your turn<br>to count." | +<br>-            | +<br>-  | +<br>-                              |
| 2. Count 1-5 non-<br>moveable in line   | Count like this: 1..2...(etc.)<br>Touch each item as you<br>count. Count them all and<br>then say, "Your turn to<br>count."             | +<br>-            | +<br>-  | +<br>-                              |
| 3. Identify the number<br>1-5   | 3...now you say it.   | +<br>-            | +<br>-  | +<br>-                              |
| 4. Make sets (1-3)  | Put four in my circle like<br>this: 1,2,3,4. Now you try.   | +<br>-            | +<br>-  | +<br>-                              |
| 5. Add premade sets<br>with sums to 5<br>(individual sets of<br>1-3)<br>"all together"                            | Let's count to add like this,<br>1,2,3 ...4,5. Now you try.<br>Note: don't say "plus"; just<br>count the items.                         | +<br>-            | +<br>-  | +<br>-                              |
| 6. Match the symbol<br>= (same)   | This is "same". You touch<br>it.  | +<br>-            | +<br>-  | +<br>-                              |
| 7. Identify ABAB<br>patterns (from 2 or<br>more options)  | Here is the ABAB pattern.<br>See it's red/blue; red/blue<br>(or whatever it is). Now you<br>touch it.                                   | +<br>-            | +<br>-  | +<br>-                              |
| 8. Calendar skills<br>(ID date 1-5, count<br>"later" 5 or less days.  | Here's the 2...now count up<br>3 like this-1,2,3. It's the 5 <sup>th</sup> !<br>Now you do it.  | +<br>-            | +<br>-  | +<br>-                              |
| 9. Measurement<br>(nonstandard – 1-5<br>objects)  | Measure it like this. Let's<br>see, there are 1,2...etc. Now<br>you try.  | +<br>-            | +<br>-  | +<br>-                              |
|   |   | ___/6             | ___/6   | ___/6                               |

TOTAL: \_\_\_/18

# Example of an Embedded Instruction Planning Form

Student Michaela Unit Two Date 11/12/13

| Lesson components                             | Describe embedded instruction and how student will participate  | Describe what worked well and what needs refining |
|---|---|---|
| <b>1</b> Teacher Input/Introduction to Lesson |   |   |
| <b>2</b> Guided Practice                      |   |   |
| <b>3</b> Group Activity                       | Michaela will participate within a group.<br>Assign peer buddy for writing assistance.  |   |
| <b>4</b> Independent Practice/ Worksheet      | Use same worksheet as entire class, but Michaela will solve problems using numbers 1-5. Michaela can also use a calculator for the worksheet problem. |   |
| <b>5</b> Closure                              |   |   |
| Comments:                                     |   |   |

# “Make it Happen”

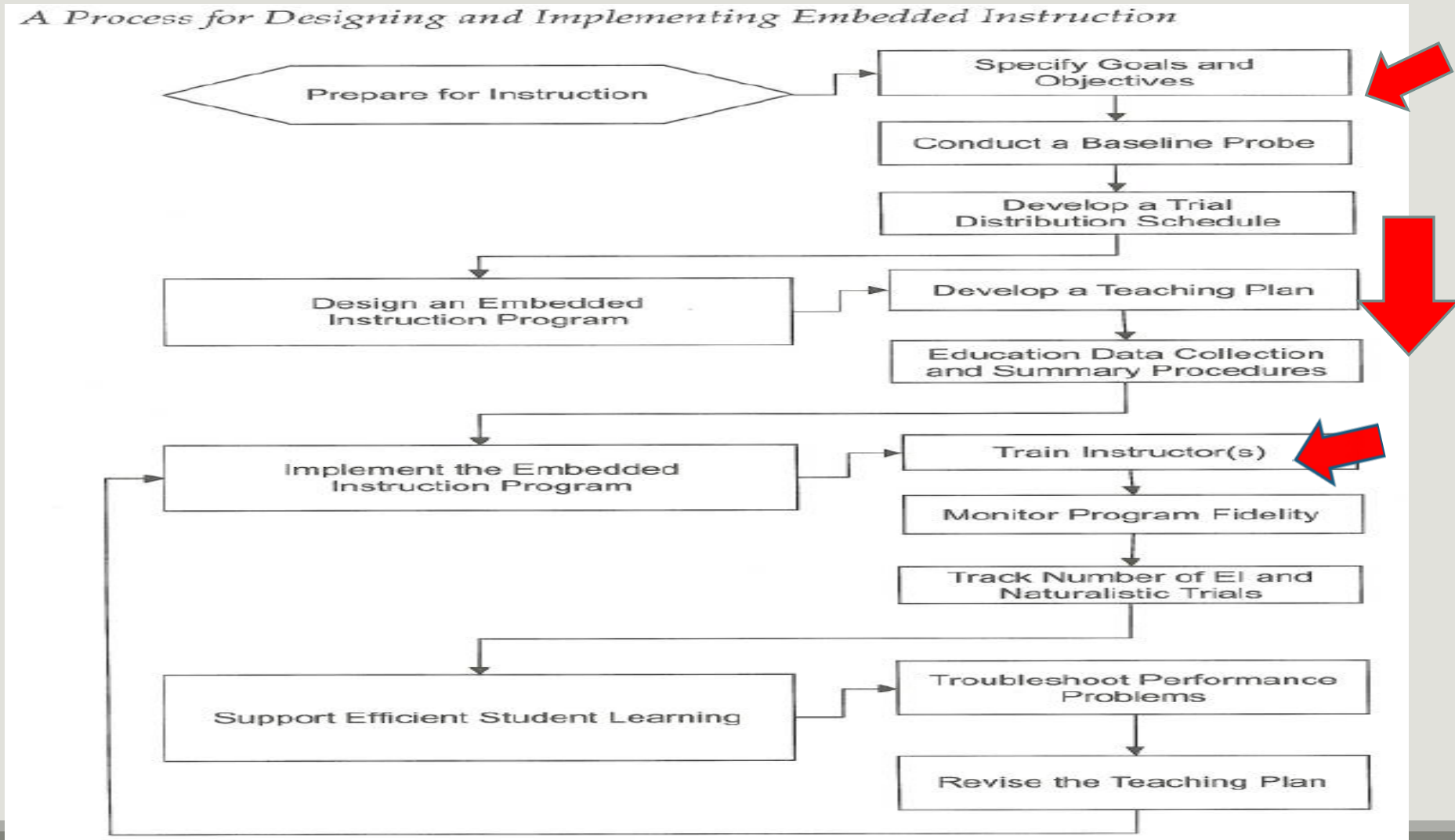


Figure 2-1. McDonnell, Johnson, & McQuivey, 2008

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