# Using Systematic Instruction to Teach Grade Aligned Math to Students with Moderate and Severe ID/ASD 



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# Math is right up there with snakes, public speaking, and heights. 

Burns, M. (1998). Math: Facing an American phobia. New York: Math Solutions
Publications.

## Equity

NCTM's Equity Principle


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- All students, regardless of their personal characteristics, backgrounds, or physical challenges, must have opportunities to study--and support to learn-mathematics. This does not mean that every student should be treated the same. But all students need access each year they are in school to a coherent, challenging mathematics curriculum that is taught by competent and well-supported mathematics teachers. Too many students--especially students who are poor, not native speakers of English, disabled, female, or members of minority groups--are victims of low expectations in mathematics.
(NCTM, 2000, pg. 12)



Figure 1. Comparison of findings by NCTM Standard. Note: The total number of NCTM standards addressed were analyzed for Browder et al. (2008; $n=80$ ) and the present study (2016; $n=48$ ). The percentages of these addressing each individual standard was calculated due to the uneven number of total studies to give a true representation of the spread.

What challenges do students with MSD face in mathematics?

## Students may have...

- Communication challenges
- Math requires reading, writing, and discussing
- Strategy deficiencies
- Not being able to perform basic operations
- Lack of past instruction
- Focus only on functional math like money
- Memory challenges
- Math facts, math concepts


## What are We Trying to Achieve through our Math instruction?

- To learn PROBLEM SOLVING is the ultimate goal for mathematics
- To be able to generalize mathematical learning to authentic contexts
- Increased independence, opportunities, \& quality of life


## Number Sense is the "Phonics" of Mathematics

## Reading

- Independence requires decoding with fluency (phonics)
- Supplement phonics instruction with read-alouds of age appropriate text to build comprehension


## Math

- Independence requires number sense and computation with fluency
- Supplement early numeracy instruction with calculator use to do grade-aligned inclusive mathematics



Saunders, Root, \& Jimenez (2017)

## Some "Math" fun!

- Write down the name of a celebrity
- Pass paper to the left
- Write down the first name of someone in this room
- Pass paper to the left
- Write a NOUN
- Pass paper to the left
- Write a NOUN
- Pass paper to the left
- Write two numbers
- Pass paper to the left


## Put in the names, nouns, and numbers!

(celebrity) and (person in room) bought ( $1^{\text {st }}$ noun) at the ( $2^{\text {nd }}$ noun) store
(celebrity) bought ( $1^{\text {st } \#) ~(1 ~} 1^{\text {st }}$ noun).
(person in room) bought (2 $2^{\text {nd }} \#$ ) (1 $1^{\text {st }}$ noun).

How many ( $1^{\text {st }}$ noun) did (celebrity) and (person in room) buy?

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## Problem Solving is a Functional Skill

## Choose a <br> strategy

self-monitoring

Make changes

## Monitor progress

## When are students "ready for" problem solving?

- ALL students are "ready for" problem solving instruction
- MSBI is an evidence-based practice for teaching problem solving (Root, Henning, \& Cox, 2019)
- Pre-requisite skills needed for MSBI:
- Counting with 1:1 correspondence
- Making sets (of up to 5 to start with)
- Identifying numbers (of 1-5 to start with)


## How Do We Make grade-aligned Math Accessible?

- Focus on the big ideas within math
- Relate math to familiar activities from daily life....but beyond just money and time
- Use evidence-based instructional practices to teach math concepts and procedures
- Use evidence-based instructional supports to compensate for cognitive challenges and skill deficits



## Evidence-Based Practices for Teaching Mathematics

 to Students with ESNEvidence-Based Practices for Teaching Mathematics to Students with
Moderate and Severe Disabilities

Browder, Spooner, Ahlgrim-Delzell, \& Wakeman (2008)

- Systematic Instruction
- In Vivo instruction
- Opportunities to Respond

Spooner, Root, Saunders, \&
Browder (2017)

- Technology-aided instruction
- Manipulatives
- Explicit Instruction
- Graphic organizers/heuristics


## Resources for Teaching Grade-aligned Math to Students with MSD

## "Recipes"

- Saunders, A.F., Bethune, K.S., Spooner, F., \& Browder, D. (2013). Solving the common core equation: Teaching mathematics CCSS to students with moderate and severe disabilities. Teaching Exceptional Children, 45 (3), 24-33.
- Spooner, F., Saunders, A., Root, J., \& Brosh, C. (2017). Promoting Access to Common Core Mathematics for Students With Severe Disabilities Through Mathematical Problem Solving. Research and Practice for Persons with Severe Disabilities, 42, 172-186.
"Take out"
- Attainment's Math Skills builder
- Attainment's Teaching to standards math
- NCSC MASSIs


## "Recipe" for Grade-Aligned Math



## STEP ONE: Select and understand the math standard

- NCSC identified "Essential Understandings" (EUs) across math domains, which you can find on separate element cards for each domain of math https://wiki.ncscpartners.org/index.php/Element Cards\#Mathematics Elem ent Cards (also displayed on Florida Access project weebly!)
- View the NCSC MASSI Webinars for more detailed information and student/teacher videos
- https://accesstofls.weebly.com/math-resources.html

Analyze the standards within that identified domain/grade band

1. How do skill progress or build?
2. What are the "key" or "pivotal" skills students need to learn in order to continue making progress in that domain?

## "Recipe" for Grade-Aligned Math



## STEP TWO: Give mathematics standard a realworld context

- Anchoring instruction has many purposes
- Provide background information
- Makes learning truly "functional"
- Makes instruction meaningful \& personally relevant
- Opportunity to address multiple priorities



## Importance of Mathematical Problem Solving



## Contrasting Approaches

Traditional "Functional" Approach

1. Identify activity or skill that will increase student independence based on ecological inventory
2. Identify skills necessary for completing skill (e.g., task analysis)

Contemporary "Contextualized" Approach

1. Determine "big ideas" in grade level state standards
2. Identify skills necessary for standard
3. Teach skill/concept within reallife activities or natural routines
4. Teach skills

## STEP TWO: Give mathematics standard a realworld context

- Could be in the format of a "math story" (e.g., Early Numeracy Skills Builder), a "word problem" (e.g., Math Skills Builder), or just an "anchor"
- Regardless of format, choose a real-world context as a theme for instruction for the lesson/week/unit that is high interest and relevant
- Scenarios students would encounter in future or current environments
- Incorporate preferences
- Embed transition, social skills, or other IEP goals
- Anchor each lesson for comprehension and engagement
- Pictures
- Videos
- Objects
- Movement

Make sure its still
"real math"!

## Don't lose

## Additive Problem Types and Key Features



## Sequence of Units

- Group
- Compare
- Group and Compare Discrimination
- Change (Addition,
 Subtraction, Mixed)
- Discrimination of All 3 Problem Types


## Your job!

- You will need to fully understand the mathematical concept before attempt to plan a lesson to teach (to anyone, but especially students with ESN)
- Learning progression: what skills come before, what come after
- Key features: how will you emphasize to students the key features to attend to in order to (a) recognize problem type and (b) select a strategy for solving



## Guidelines for Writing Word Problems

## Avoid reliance on key words

- Students need to learn to focus on underlying schema relation or problem structure before solving the problem
- Need to make a plan for solving based on "what is happening" in the problem
- Focus should be on teaching students to differentiate between problem types
- Keywords (i.e., total, more, left) do not always reflect problem types


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John has 5 notebooks. Mary has 3 notebooks. How many more notebooks does John have than Mary?

John has to do math problems for homework. He has 5 problems to complete. He finished 2 . How many more math problems does he have

## Compare

 left?John has 3 books to read. Mary has 1 more than John. How many books do they have altogether?

## Guidelines for Writing Word Problems

## Word Choice

- Keep sentences the same length and use words which are easy to decode
-Use a variety of nouns ("things") which are
- Familiar
- Concrete
- Relate to the theme
- Make sense


## Guidelines for Writing Word Problems

## Names

- Choose names that will increase engagement
- Students within classroom
- Familiar people (family, people around school)
- Reflection of interest (celebrities, athletes, etc.)


## Guidelines for Writing Word Problems

## Numbers

- Intentionally choose numbers based on student ability
- Easiest to represent as numerals
-Zero or "none" is a difficult concept
- Sums of less than 10 for making sets
- Consider calculator use
- Alternate between putting smaller or larger number first in addition problems


## Guidelines for Writing Word Problems

## Check for Bias

- Gender
- Equal use of female and male characters and themes
- Avoid gender stereotypes
- Culture
- Avoid cultural or racial stereotypes
- Use scenarios that all students including culturally and linguistically diverse students can relate to or understand
- Use scenarios that are relevant and meaningful for students


## Group Problem Examples Theme: School Basketball Game

| Formula | Examples |  |
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| Anchor <br> sentence | Aaron and Jose bought snacks at <br> the school basketball game. | There are cheerleaders at the <br> school basketball game. |
| \# thing 1 | Aaron bought 2 buckets of <br> popcorn. | There are 2 boys on the <br> cheerleading team. |
| \# thing 2 | Jose bought 1 hotdog. | There are 4 girls on the <br> cheerleading team. |
| Question with <br> label | How many snacks did they buy in <br> all? | How many cheerleaders are <br> on the team? |

Group problems have two different nouns with something in common.

Beth went on a class trip to the zoo.
Beth saw 7 lions.
Beth saw 2 polar bears.
How many animals Beth see altogether?

There is a team of cheerleaders at the school basketball game.

There are 2 male cheerleaders on the team.

There are 8 female cheerleaders on the team.
How many cheerleaders are on the team?

There are many types of birds at the beach.
Ava saw $\qquad$ seagulls at the beach.

Ava saw $\qquad$ pelicans at the beach.

How many birds did Ava see at the beach?

## Change Problem Examples Theme: School Basketball Game

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| Anchor |  |  |
| sentence | Aaron saved his money to go to the <br> school basketball game. | Jose likes to eat sour <br> straws at the basketball <br> game. |
|  <br> beginning <br> state (\#) | Aaron had $\$ 5$ to spend at the <br> basketball game. | Jose had 8 sour straws. |
| Increase or <br> decrease verb <br> + increase or <br> decrease <br> amount | Aaron's mom gave him $\$ 3$ more to <br> spend at the basketball game. | Jose ate 3 sour straws. |
| Question with <br> label | How much money does Aaron have |  |
| now? |  |  |$\quad$| How many sour straws |
| :--- |
| does Jose have left? |

Change problems discuss one noun, and more is added to the noun or some is taken away. Dynamic problem.

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Abby bought lemonade at the school dance.
She bought
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$\qquad$

``` lemonades.
Then she bought
``` \(\qquad\)
``` more lemonades for friends.
How many lemonades did Abby buy?
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Sheep are supposed to stay in the pen at the farm.
Jose bought sodas for friends at the basketball game.
Jose bought___ sodas.
Then he spilled___ sodas.
How many sodas does Jose have now?

There were $\qquad$ sheep in the pen.
sheep got out of the pen.
How many sheep are left in the pen?

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Emily brings customers drinks on a tray.
Emily had 5 drinks on her tray.
She spilled 2 drinks.
How many drinks are left on Emily's tray?
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Aiden took some dollars to buy snacks at the grocery
store.
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Aiden took $\$ 8$ dollars to the grocery store.
[a]
Aiden paid $\$ 2$ dollars for bag of chips.
How many dollars does Aiden have left?

## Compare Problem Examples Theme: School Basketball Game

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| Anchor Sentence | Aaron and Jose both like to go to basketball games. | Jose sees many coaches at the game. |
| Person/Thing 1 <br> \# | Aaron has been to 5 games. | Jose sees 4 female coaches. |
| Person/Thing 2 \# | Jose has been to 2 games. | Jose sees 2 male coaches. |
| Question with label | How many more games has Aaron been to than Jose? | How many fewer coaches are male than female? |

Ben and Kim went to the book fair at school.
Kim bought 6 books.
Ben bought 4 books
How many more books did Kim buy than Ben?

Caleb saw many different bears at the zoo.

Caleb saw $\qquad$ brown bears.

Caleb saw $\qquad$ polar bears.

How many fewer polar bears than brown bears did he see?

Mia compared rainy days in September and October.

September had 10 rainy days.

October had 8 rainy days.
How many fewer rainy days did October have than September?

## Your turn!

- Share your problems with your partner. Did everyone follow the guidelines? Do they clearly indicate the problem type?


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## "Recipe" for Grade-Aligned Math



## STEP 3: Use Evidence-Based Practices

"How do you use evidence-based practices to teach math?"

## Evidence-Based Practices for Teaching Math to Students with MSD

## Browder, Spooner, Ahlgrim-Delzell, \&

 Wakeman (2008)- Systematic Instruction
- Time delay
- System of least prompts
- Task analysis
- In Vivo instruction
- Opportunities to Respond

Spooner, Root, Saunders, \& Browder (2018)

- Technology-aided instruction
- Manipulatives
- Concrete \& virtual
- Explicit Instruction
- Model-lead-test
- Multiple exemplars
- Discrimination training
- Graphic organizers/heuristics
- Number lines
- Diagrams

Literacy \& Mathematical Knowledge


## Modified Schema Based Instruction




## Detailed Graphic Organizers with Visual Supports

- Visually represent each problem type and relationship between quantities
- Purpose is to help students organize information from the problem
- Need space to use manipulatives (rather than writing in numbers)
- Color-coding and visual
supports



## Additional Graphic Organizers



## Multiplicative Comparison Problems



Double or Twice = Two times as many =x2

Triple $=$ Three times as many $=\mathbf{x} 3$

 Double

## Heuristics/Task Analysis

- Two popular heuristics used in the literature:
- FOPS: $\underline{f}$ find the problem type, organize the information in the problem using the schematic diagram, plan to solve the problem, and solve the problem (Jitendra, 2008)
- RUNS: read the problem, use a diagram, number sentence, and state the answer (Rockwell et al., 2011)
- Challenge for this population
- Memorizing a heuristic may overload the working memory
- Students may not have enough literacy skills to relate the letters of the heuristic to the words for which each letter stands


## Student-Friendly Task Analysis (aka Self Instruction Sheet)

| 1. | $\square$ | Read the problem |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2. | horses | Circle the "what" |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. | How many k? | Find label in question |  |  | Listen | Steps | With Help | By Myself | Directions |
|  |  |  |  |  | Q | 1 |  |  | Read or listen to the problem out loud. |
| 4. |  | same differe more/fewer? |  |  | D | 2 |  |  | Mark and label the common unit. |
|  |  |  |  |  | 3 | 3 |  |  | Mark and label the common rate. |
| 5. | (2) | Use my rule |  |  | D | 4 |  |  | Mark and label what we are solving for in this problem. |
| 6. |  | Choose GO |  |  | Q | 5 |  |  | Calculate our product. |
|  | $\cdots \square$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7. | 3 | Circle the number |  |  | Q | 6 |  |  | Count our total steps for self-monitoring and graphing. |
| 8. | "O- $\square$ | Fill-in nul sentence | 1. |  | Si) Read the problem and circle what we are solving for |  |  |  |  |
| 9. | $\square \cdot \square \cdot \square$ | + or - | 2. | $\square$ Mark and label original cost |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10. | (3) - + + | Make Set | 3. | $\Delta$ Mark and label percent change |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11. | (6) | Solve \& v answer | 4. | Identify type of change |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\square \bigcirc \square=\square^{\square}$ |  | 5. | Calculate amount of change $\triangle$ - $\square \cdot \nabla$ |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 6. | Calculate final cost $\quad \square \sim \square \sim$ |  |  |  |  |  |

## Example Teacher TA

| Teacher | Target Response | Prompting | Reinforcement |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| "Show me the coordinate <br> plane" | Points to the coordinate <br> plane | Constant time delay "Here <br> is coordinate plane" (0, <br> then 4) | "Good. That is the <br> coordinate plane" |
| "Show me the x axis" | Points to the xaxis | CTD: "here is the xaxis" | "Excellent. That is the x <br> axis" |
| "Show me the y axis" | Points to the y axis | CTD: "here is the y axis" | "Yes. That's the y axis." |
| Etc. See TEC article p. 30 |  |  |  |

## Example Teacher TA

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Step | $\begin{gathered} \text { Teacher } \\ \text { says } \end{gathered}$ | Thargex shademex Resporase | Promeprimes | Rexrefarcexnemat |
| 1. Read probilem | Show me how to solve this puoblem | Student reads problem or asks for it to be read | Verball: How do we get our problem started? <br> Specific Verball: If you need help readings, ask me <br> Model: Ask me to read the problem |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 2 \text {-omprehend } \\ & \text { Story } \end{aligned}$ | ```WWhat did Tames gret at the buakery"?``` | Says <br> "strawiberty <br> calee of uses response boand | Verball: $\mathbb{R e}$-read word probilem, restate question <br> Specific verbal: re-read 1 <br> semtence from problem, restate question <br> Wodel: re-read answer (while pointing to problem), restate question | Behavior specific praise. tolsen |
| 3. ID first ammount | How mmuch cake did Tamnes want? | Says ${ }^{\circ-1} 1 / 2^{\prime \prime}=$ points to wrond purabilemi, or uses response boratd | Verbal: ${ }^{2}$ We ate looking for a Fiaction of how much calce Tames wanted" <br> Specific Verball: "Listen for the fraction that tells us how much cake James wanted" (reread sentence) <br> Nodel: "We ate looking for a fraction that shows how much cake James wanted State answer (while pointing to problem). Restate question | Behavior specific praise |
| 4. Create Fraction for first amount | Collot this circile to show how much cake James wranted. | Student colors 1 out of 2 sections of the circile. | Verball- Color in the finction $1 / 2$ in this circle:" <br> Specific Verball "Collor one of the two sections of the circle to show $3^{2}$ <br> Wodel: "Wiatch mes I"m going to color 1 of the two sections for $1 / 2$ (lightly oollor). "Yout turn." | Behavior specific praise. Tolken |

## Example Teacher TA (cont'd)

| 5. ID second amount | How much cake did the Baker give James? | Says " $2 / 4$ ", points in word problem, or uses response board | Verbal: "We are looking for a fraction of how much cake the Baker gave James" Specific Verbal: "Listen for the fraction that tells us how much cake the Baker gave James" (re-read sentence) Model: "We are looking for a fraction that shows how much cake the Baker gave James" State answer (while pointing to problem). Restate question | Behavior specific praise |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6. Create fraction for second amount | Color this circle to show how much cake the Baker gave James. | Student colors 2 out of 4 sections of the circle. | Verbal: "Color in the fraction $2 / 4$ in this circle." <br> Specific Verbal: "Color two of the sections of the circle to show $2 / 4$ " <br> Model: "Watch me, I'm going to color 2 of the two sections for $2 / 4$ " (lightly color). "Your turn." | Token |
| 7. Determine if enough/not enough (equivalent fractions) | Did James get enough cake? | Says "Yes" or uses response board/sign language | Verbal: "Compare your two fraction circles" <br> Specific Verbal: "Is your circle for James the same as the circle for the Baker?" <br> Model: "These two circles show the same fraction. James had enough cake. Did James have enough cake?" | Token, turn 3 tokens in for reinforcement chosen from menu (small edible item or 30s access to preferred item) |

## Teach Using Explicit Instruction \& Systematic Instruction

- Reminders:
- Always secure student's attention first (e.g., redirect student's attention to problem or TA)
- The instructional cue (e.g., "solve the word problem") is not a prompt
- Prompt Levels:
- Prompt 1: nonspecific verbal \& gesture; read and point to step on TA
- Prompt 2: specific verbal; read step and provide additional information for student to perform step
- Prompt 3: model then retest


## Metacognitive Strategy Instruction

- Student self-instruction checklist (TA embedded into a checklist format and made student friendly)
- Rules for each problem type with hand motions to remember procedural steps
- Think alouds - model explaining WHY it is that problem type
- "This is a group problem because it has two small groups of different things that I combine to make one BIG group."
- "This is a change problem. It is about the same thing, 1 thing. I need to select my change graphic organizer."
- "This is a compare problem. I see my compare phrase...How many fewer..."

| 1. |  |  | Read the problem |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- |
| 2. |  | Circle the "what" |  |
| 3. |  | How many <br> norses | Find label in <br> question |
| 4. |  | same <br> more/fewer? |  |
| 5. |  | Use my rule |  |

## TA serves dual function: Self-monitoring checklist to promote independence

Tamra wants to go see Fantasia's Christmas

| 1. | \$? | Circle constant |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2. | [ 1 OMIM | Circle goal amount |
| 5. | \$ ${ }^{\text {a }}$ = \$ | Fill-in equation |
| 6. | $\stackrel{-}{\bullet}$ | Divide |
| 7. | $\mathbf{X}=\square$ | Write answer | concert. She makes $\$ 10$ per hour at her after school job. How many hours will she need to work in order to pay for one ticket?

## Hand motions

- http://player.attainmentcompany.com/webinars/math-skills-builder/


## Fraction Number Line:

## Mathematics Vocabulary

- Language plays an important role in mathematics
- Understanding of vocabulary and symbols will contribute to independence
- Symbols (+, -, =,...)
- Instructional supports (Graphic organizer, number sentence, etc.)
- Terms (axis, plane, base, height, etc.)


Fraction Bars:

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## "Recipe" for Grade-Aligned Math



## STEP FOUR: Include Instructional Supports

- Purpose of instructional supports is to increase independence
- Examples:
- Manipulatives
- Graphic organizer
- Calculator
- Technology
- Whiteboard
- Realia (real-life objects)
- Others??



## In this video...

How have the materials been modified for this student?

## "Recipe" for Grade-Aligned Math



## STEP FIVE: Monitor Student Progress

- We use data and progress monitoring to understand what WE can change with out instruction (not what the student is "doing wrong")
- Steps:

1. Graph data
2. Analyze data
3. Make instructional decision

## Resources for making instructional changes due to lack of progress

- NCSC MASSI Webinar on most severe disabilities https://wiki.ncscpartners.org/index.php/MASSIs Presentations
- TSM: Supporting active participation of students who access curriculum at a presymbolic level
https://www.attainmentcompany.com/downloads/dl/file/id/1227/pro duct/1202/tsm presymbolic.pdf


## "Recipe" for Grade-Aligned Math



## STEP 6: Plan for Generalization

- Generalization is a known area of weakness for students with moderate/severe disabilities
- Regularly plan for generalization:
- Rotate mathematics stories
- Change numbers in stories
- Use different materials (manipulatives, calculators)


## 6. Plan for Generalization

- Setting
- Instructional format: 1:1, small group, whole group
- Place: special education classroom, general education classroom, other school environment, community
- Materials
- Different learning materials (e.g., paper-pencil \& technology)
- Remove or fade supports
- People
- Peer, teacher assistant, special education teacher
- Behavior
- Different (but related!) math skill


## 6. Plan for Generalization

- Use multiple realistic stimuli as instructional materials
- Promote conceptual understanding (vs. plug and chug)
- Plan with the end in mind - no more different than necessary !



## "Take out" Option \#1: Math Skills Builder

- Developed using findings from an IES Goal 2 Grant at UNCC
- Based on 3 years of research in real classrooms with real teachers
- First research and curriculum to teach problem solving to learners with ESN


Table I. Summary of Studies in The Solutions Project Supporting the Conceptual Model.

| CCSS | Reference | Settings and participants | Intervention | Dependent variable | Results |
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| CCSS.MATH.PRACTICE. MPI, MP2, MP4 | Browder et al. (2017); this study was the primary foundational study in The Solutions Project | Eight students with moderate ID in elementary/middle self-contained classrooms in a large, urban school district | MSBI using a student task analysis, graphic organizers, and manipulatives to teach group, change, and compare problem types and discrimination between problem types | The number of steps completed independently during teacher instruction, total number of problems solved, the number of discriminations between problem type, and generalization to the SMART Board and real-world videosimulation problems | Functional relation between MSBI and students' word problem-solving abilities across four demonstrations |
| ```CCSS.MATH.PRACTICE. MPI, MP2, MP4, CCSS.I.OA.A.I, CCSS.4.OA.A.3``` | Root, Browder, Saunders, and Lo (2017) | Three elementary students with ASD and moderate ID in a large, urban district | MSBI to teach the compare problem type using virtual and concrete manipulatives | The total number of points awarded per problem for steps solved independently on the task analysis | A functional relation was found between MSBI and the use of concrete and virtual manipulatives, and the students' ability to solve mathematical word problems |
| CCSS.MATH. <br> CONTENT.EE.A.I | Root, Saunders, Spooner, and Brosh (2017) | Three middle school students with Down syndrome and moderate ID in a large, urban district | MSBI using a calculator to solve personal finance word problems with two-digit numbers and decimals to teach the change problem type | The number of steps solved independently across two problems, total number of problems solved, the number of discriminations, and generalization to the iDevice (iPhone/iPad) | Functional relation between MSBI and students' ability to solve word problems with two-digit numbers and decimals and generalization to the iDevice |
| CCSS.MATH.PRACTICE. <br> MPI, MP2, MP4 | Ley Davis, Spooner, and Saunders (2017) | Four middle school students with moderate/severe ID and five general education peers in a large, urban school district | MSBI targeting the change problem type delivered by general education peer tutors | The number of steps completed independently during MSBI, the cumulative number of problems solved, and generalization across peer tutors | A functional relation was found between peermediated MSBI and mathematical problem solving with four demonstrations of effect across students |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { CCSS.MATH. } \\ & \text { CONTENT.6.EE.A.I } \end{aligned}$ | Root and Browder (2017) | Three middle school students with ASD and moderate ID in a large, urban district | MSBI targeting the group problem type with numerals missing in the medial and final position | The number of steps completed independently during MSBI, the cumulative number of problems solved, and generalization | A functional relation between MSBI and algebraic mathematical problem solving with three demonstrations of effect |

Table I. (continued)

| CCSS | Reference | Settings and participants | Intervention | Dependent variable | Results |
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| ```CCSS.MATH.PRACTICE. MPI, MP2, MP4, CCSS.I.OA.A.I, CCSS.4.OA.A3``` | Saunders, Browder, Root, and Brosh (2017) | Three elementary students with ASD and mild/ moderate ID (two students were ELLs) in a rural district | MSBI using a student task analysis, graphic organizers, and manipulatives to teach group, change, and compare problem types, and discrimination between problem types | The number of steps completed independently during teacher instruction, total number of problems solved, the number of discriminations between problem types, and generalization to the SMART Board/iPad and real-world videosimulation problems | Functional relation between intervention and students' word problem-solving abilities, and generalization to the SMART Board/iPad and real-world video-simulation problems |
| ```CCSS.MATH.PRACTICE. MPI, MP2, MP4, CCSS.I.OA.A.I, CCSS.4.OA.A3``` | Saunders, Lo, and Browder (2017) | Three elementary students with ASD and moderate ID in a large, urban district | Computer-based video instruction to deliver MSBI to teach group and change problem types and discrimination between problem types | The number of steps completed independently during computer-based video instruction, the cumulative number of problems solved and discriminations, and generalization to paper-and pencil format | A functional relation was found between MSBI delivered through computer-based video instruction and students' problem solving of group and change problem types and discriminating between problem types |
| ```CCSS.MATH.PRACTICE. MPI, MP2, MP4, CCSS.I.OA.A.I, CCSS.4.OA.A3``` | Saunders, Spooner, and Ley Davis (2017) | Three middle school students with moderate ID in a large, urban district | Video prompting with systematic instruction to teach real-world problem solving of videosimulation change problems | The number of steps completed independently, the cumulative number of problems solved and discriminations, and generalization to paper-and-pencil format | A functional relation was found between video prompting and students' mathematical problem-solving skills. Participants were able to solve the video problems using the finger counting strategy taught through firstperson perspective video modeling |

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## Take Out \#2: Teaching to Standards Math

- Based on two years of research at UNCC
- First research that used gradeappropriate materials to teach gradealigned standards while still building early numeracy skills
- Teaches state standards in mathematics:
- Numbers \& Operations
- Geometry
- Data Analysis
- Algebra
- Measurement


## Take Out \#3: MASSIs (Mathematics Activities for Scripted Systematic Instruction)

With a partner, choose 1 MASSI to view in its entirety. Consider the following:

1. How do they embed numeracy skills in grade-aligned math?
2. What EBPs are incorporated?
3. Do they provide information on how to differentiate for students based on communication level, physical disability, and numeracy skills?

## Additional Resources

NCSC WIKI - MASSIs
https://wiki.ncscpartners.org/index.php/ Mathematics Activities for Scripted Syst ematic Instruction

Mathematics Podcast by Dr. Root
https://tash.org/amplified/

Florida Access Weebly
http://accesstofls.weebly.com/mathresources.html

Dynamic Learning Maps:
http://dynamiclearningmaps.org/

## Math Skills Builder

https://www.attainmentcompany.co m/math-skills-builder

Teaching to Standards Mathematics
https://www.attainmentcompany.co m/teaching-standards-math

## Q\&A

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[^0]:    Note. CCSS = Common Core State Standards; ID = intellectual disability; MSBI = modified schema-based instruction; ASD = autism spectrum disorder; ELLs = English language learners

