

# 5-15-45 Tool

## Linking Available Time with Meaningful Collaboration



The TIES Center is the national technical assistance center on inclusive policies and practices. Its purpose is to create sustainable changes in K-8 school and district educational systems so that students with significant cognitive disabilities can fully engage in the same activities as their general education peers while being instructed in a way that meets individual learning needs.



### What is the 5-15-45 Tool?

The 5-15-45 Tool guides teams to use the time that is available to consider the content, instructional strategies, and barriers to learning for all students within the general education classroom, including students with significant cognitive disabilities. The tool applies whether you are meeting virtually or in-person.



### Who is the 5-15-45 Tool for?

The 5-15-45 Tool allows general and special educators, as well as specialized support personnel, to use the time they have to effectively plan for students with significant cognitive disabilities.



### The 5-15-45 Tool Explained:

Many teachers plan their instruction by using existing lesson plans. Starting with a lesson that comes from a curriculum package, online site, or colleague may save time, but also requires adjustment to meet your needs as a teacher and the needs of your students, especially those with significant cognitive disabilities.

## 5-15-45 Tool Breakdown



In 5 minutes: you will identify the most important content (what) and instructional strategies (how) of the lesson.



In 15 minutes: you will dig deeper into lesson design and get ideas to implement a specific instructional strategy to reduce barriers for students.



In 45 minutes: you will have the opportunity to build your own skills or facilitate learning opportunities for all students, including students with significant cognitive disabilities.

## TIES 5-15-45 Tool

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