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# The Writing Toolkit for Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

# **Writing Strategies**

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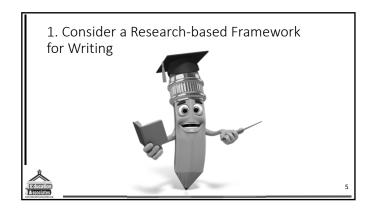


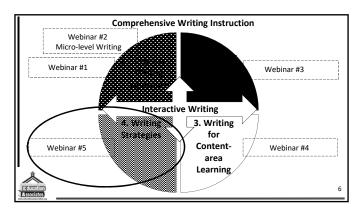
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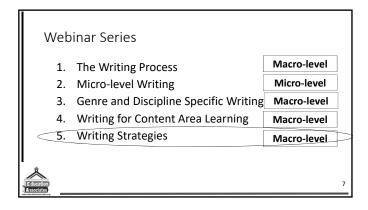
- 1. Consider a Research-based Framework for Writing
- 2. Think About Visual Learners
- 3. Promote Student Self-Regulation, Self-Efficacy, and **Adaptive Attributions**
- 4. Select Strategies Based on Student Writing Needs
- 5. Use Highly Promoted Materials for Strategy Instruction
- 6. Explicitly Teach Writing Strategies
- 7. Pull it All Together

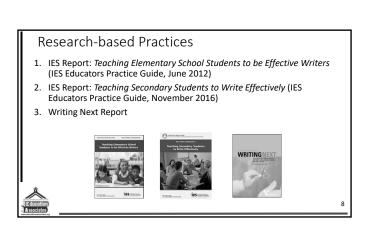


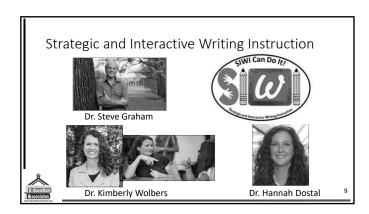








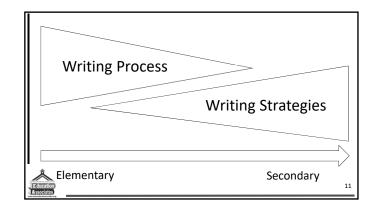




# Self-Regulated Strategy Development (SRSD)

- Over twenty years of research on self-regulation consistently shows that a "self-regulated" approach to writing contributes to improves in student writing knowledge, strategic behaviors, selfregulation skills, and motivation.
- Research has demonstrated that well designed strategy instruction can produce *substantial* gains in writing quality for struggling writers.









### Good Writers Use Strategies!

- The ultimate goal of strategy development is for students to deliberately and independently activate taught strategies when writing.
- Over time, strategies for planning, writing, editing, and revising, will, in essence, become the "invisible knowledge" that students carry in their heads while engaging in writing tasks.



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### For example. . .

I'm going to teach you a "trick" that will help you with your writing. You will learn a strategy, or trick, that good writers use for. . .



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### **Student Outcomes**

- Student self-selection and independent use of strategies.
- Mastery of higher level cognitive processes involved in composing.
- Autonomous, reflective, creative, self-regulated use of effective writing strategies.
- Knowledge of the characteristics of good writing.
- Positive attitudes and beliefs about writing and one's own capabilities as a writer (self-efficacy); attributions to effort and strategy use.



### **Student Outcomes**

- What goals do I need to set and accomplish to write for this audience or purpose?
- What writing strategies do I know work well when writing for this audience or purpose?
- What do I know about this assignment that would help inform my strategy selection?
- When do I use this strategy? When I am planning? Drafting? Revising?



(IES Practice Guide, Teaching Secondary Students to Write Effectively, 2016)

2. Think About Visual Learners

### What about Writing for Visual Learners?

- There is a need for deaf students to develop cohesiveness in their writing.
  - Students typically rely on associative kinds of writing techniques –and don't fully understand the components and flow of the writing process.



(See research by Kimberly A. Wolbers, Hannah M. Dostal, Steve Graham)

### What about Writing for Visual Learners?

- There is the need for deaf students to develop the inner dialogue ("writer's voice") used by of expert writers.
  - Often students don't use inner discourse to prompt self-questioning and self-monitoring when writing.



(See research by Kimberly A. Wolbers, Hannah M. Dostal, Steve Graham)

### Research-based Instruction for Visual Leaners

- Emphasizes a strategic, interactive approach.
- Instruction that promotes metacognitive strategies and helps students self-monitor and evaluate their own writing.
- Instruction that focuses on strategies to help students navigate critical components of the writing process.



(See research by Kimberly A. Wolbers, Hannah M. Dostal, Steve Graham)

Pause and Process



• What challenges with genre and discipline specific writing do you notice with your students?







### Self-Regulated Strategy Development (SRSD)

The following develop in tandem:

- Powerful writing strategies and critical strategies for self-regulation of the writing process
- Self-efficacy for writing, motivation, and adaptive attributions



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### Self-Regulation

 "Self-regulated learners" are learners who plan, set goals, organize, self-monitor, and self-evaluate their learning.

Self-regulation is the ownership of learning.



For example. . .

Directions: Place a checkmark next to each story part as you include it in your story.

Check as I plan Check as I write

Where and when (setting) Where and when (setting)

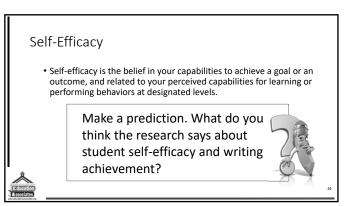
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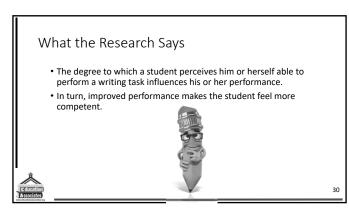
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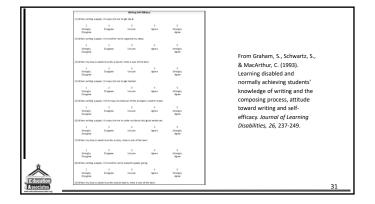
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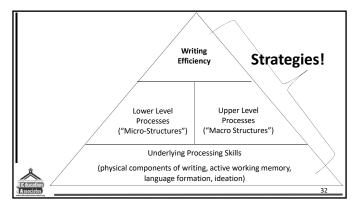
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### Describing Words Story Questionnaire <u>Directions</u>: Please answer each question below. Circle your answer. When you wrote your story. . . Did you look at the pictures and write down good describing words? Did you let your mind think free? YES NO Did you like the words you thought of? Did you remember your goal? – use more good describing words than last time? Did you think of a good story idea? YES NO Did your story make sense and use good describing words? YES NO Did you read your story and then fix it? Did you take your time? Did you remember to use everything you know about writing stories to help you while you wrote? YES NO YES NO 10. Did you tell yourself you did a good job? narrative writing









# Mindset and Adaptive Attributions Growth-based Mindset

- Based on the belief that your basic qualities are things you can cultivate through your effort.
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- Based on the belief that your basic qualities are fixed.
  - Will I succeed or fail?
  - Will I look smart or dumb?
  - Will I be accepted or rejected?
  - Will I feel like a winner or a loser?

(Dweck, 2006)

### Promoting Positive Mindset and Adaptive Attributions

- Help students to develop strategies or scripts when they engage in negative self-talk, and reinforce them for using those strategies or
- Include students in goal setting and monitoring to help them connect their hard work with increased academic success.
- Celebrate process, and provide explicit feedback that connects it with their use of new/appropriate learning strategies, skills, or behaviors.



(National Center on Intensive Intervention)

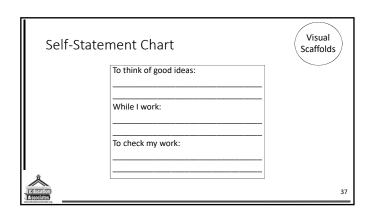
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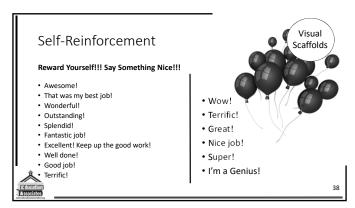


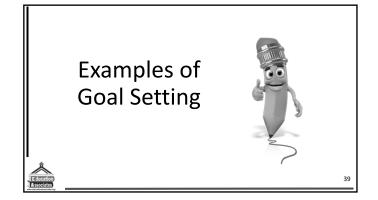
### Self-Statements

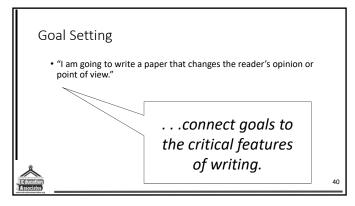
- Problem Definition: "What is my purpose for writing?"
- Focusing Attention & Planning: "I have to concentrate and think of the steps. I need to make a plan."
- Strategy: "First, I'll write down my essay strategy."
- <u>Self-Evaluating & Error Correcting:</u> "Have I used all my story parts? Let me check. Oops, I missed one; That's okay, I can revise.; Am I following my plan?"
- Coping & Self-Control: "I'm not going to get mad, mad makes me bad.;
  Okay, I need to go slow and take my time. I can do this."
- Self-Reinforcement: "Hurray! I'm done!; I'm getting better at this!"











### Sample Goals

- <u>General purpose of the paper</u> "Write a paper that will be fun to read"
- <u>Length</u> "Write a paper that is 120 words long." "Write a paper with ten sentences." "Write a paper with five paragraphs."
- <u>Specific Attributes</u> "Write a paper that has four reasons to support your premise." "Share with the reader four things about the main character."
- <u>Vocabulary</u> "Write a story containing 15 describing words."
- Sentence Variety "Write a paper in which one-fourth of the sentences are either compound or complex."
- Mechanics "Write a paper with no spelling errors."

### Sample Goals

- <u>General Goal</u>: Take a position on the assigned topic and write a paper that persuades the reader you are right.
- Elaborated Goals (for example):
  - A statement that says what you believe
  - Two or three reasons that support your belief
  - Examples or supporting information for reach reason
  - Two or three reasons why others might disagree
  - · A statement about why these reasons are wrong



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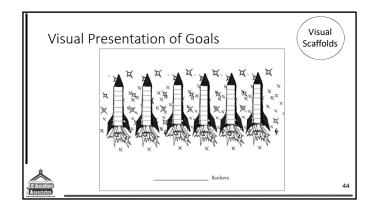
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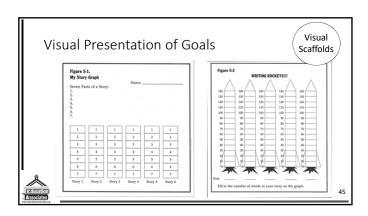
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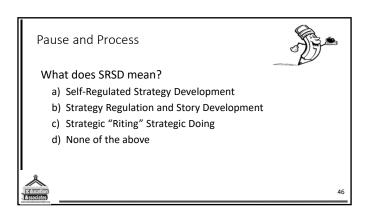
- <u>S</u>kills check. Complete an inventory that focuses on what you are currently doing well when writing and what you need to improve on.
- <u>C</u>hoose goals. Based on the skills check, develop goals for your next writing assignment (e.g., find a place to write, reread my paper before turning it in, and get all of the information I need before I write).
- $\underline{\textbf{H}}\text{atch a plan for how to meet your specified goals.}$
- Execute the plan for achieving your goals.
- <u>E</u>dit. If you experience difficulty in achieving a goal, put actions into place to remedy this situation.

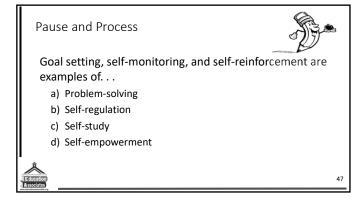


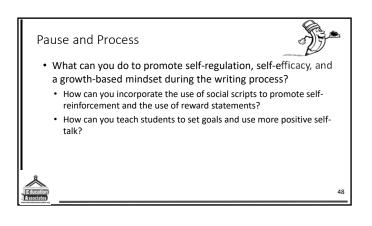
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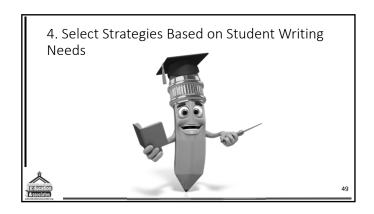


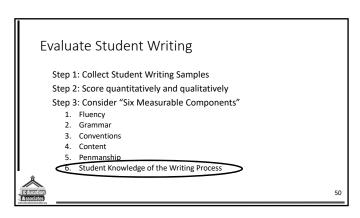


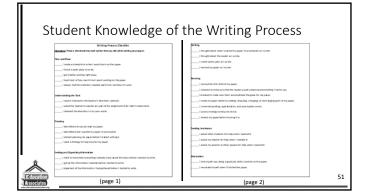


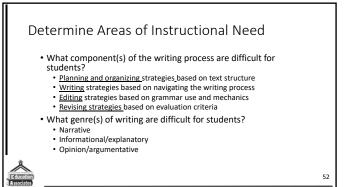


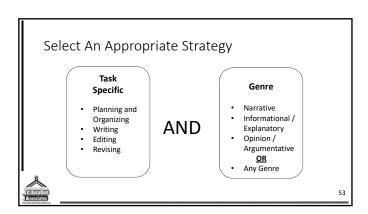


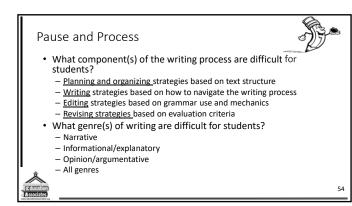




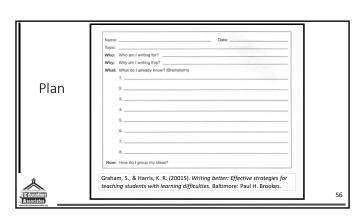


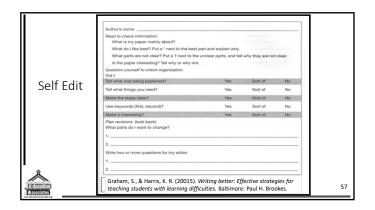


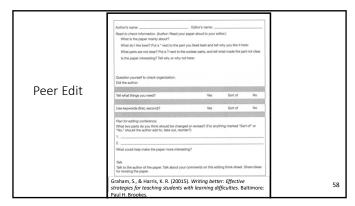


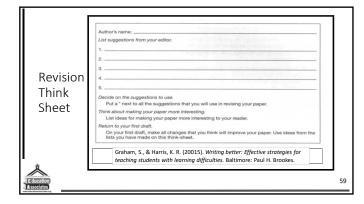


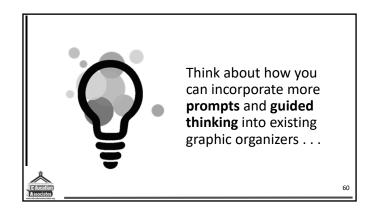


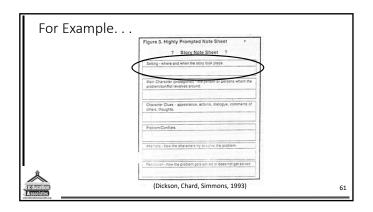


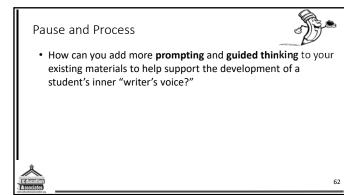




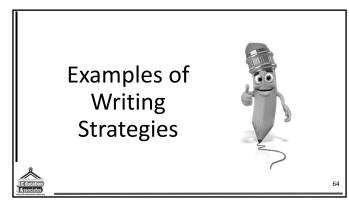














# PLAN (Planning and Organizing)

- Pay attention to the writing assignment by identifying what you are aske to write about and how you should develop your essay.
- <u>L</u>ist your main ideas after gathering and evaluating ideas.
- Add supporting ideas (e.g., details, examples, elaborations, evidence) to each main idea. Consider whether each main idea is still relevant
- Number the order in which you will present your ideas.



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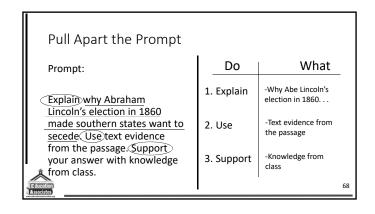
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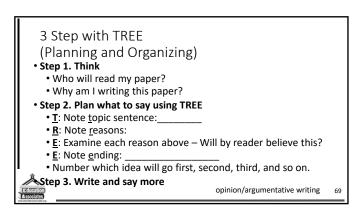
POW
(Planning and Organizing)

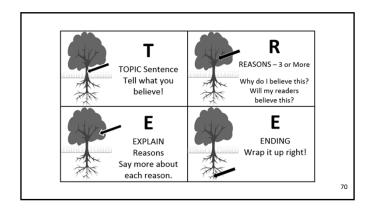
•P: Pull Apart the Prompt (or Pick My Idea)

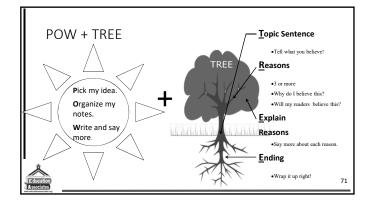
•O: Organize My Notes

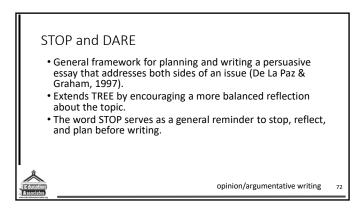
•W: Write and Say More!



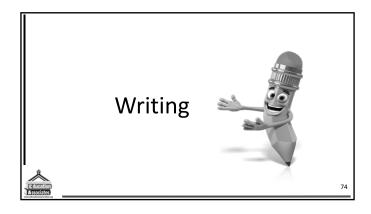












# DARE

(Writing)

- Develop a topic statement to support your thesis as you write.
- Add supporting ideas to support your thesis.
- Reject possible arguments from the other side.
- •End with a conclusion.



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Writing Process Strategy

- Step 1. Brainstorm what you know about the topic
- <u>Step 2.</u> Use a graphic organizer to categorize and arrange the information
- <u>Step 3.</u> Organize the information by numbering which main idea will come first, second, etc.
- <u>Step 4.</u> Continue planning and using graphic organizer as you write
- <u>Step 5.</u> Use graphic organizer to see whether all the important information was used in the essay



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### Writing Process Strategy - POWER Strategy

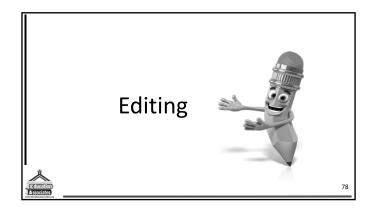
Plan, Organize, Write, Edit/Revise, Rewrite

- Designed to make the writing process visible to students.
- Provides a structural framework for carrying out the thinking and organizational processes involved in each phase of writing.
- Helps frame the "self-talk" used by writers.



(Englert, Raphael, Anderson, Anthony, Fear, & Gregg, 1988; Project Write: http://kc.vanderbilt.edu/projectwrite/)

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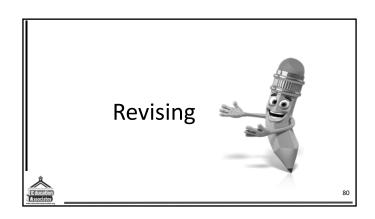


# COPS (Editing)

- •Have I <u>Capitalized</u> the first word of sentences and proper names?
- •How is the **O**verall appearance?
- •Have I put in commas and end **P**unctuation?
- •Have I **S**pelled all words correctly?



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### **SCAN**

(Revising)

- 1. Read the first draft of your essay.
- 2. Find the sentence that tells what you believe. Is it clear?
- 3. Add to more reasons why you believe it?
- 4. SCAN each sentence and ask:

  - S: Does it make sense?
    C: Is it connected to my belief?
  - A: Can I add more?
  - N: Note errors?
- 5. Make changes



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### STAR

(Revising)

- Reread your essay and code any necessary corrects with S, T, A, or R as
  - <u>Substitute</u> overused words with precise words, weak verbs with strong verbs, weak adjectives with strong adjectives, and common nouns with proper nouns.
     <u>Take</u> out unnecessary, irrelevant information, or information that bellows elsewhere.

  - Add details, descriptions, new information, figurative language, clarification of meaning, or expanded ideas.
  - $\underline{\textbf{R}}\textsc{earrange}$  information for a more logical flow.
- Then, make revisions accordingly.



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### WIRMI

(Revising)

 After composing an essay, write a "What I Really Mean Is. . ." statement and keep a copy of it. Have a partner read the draft and write a "What I Think You Really Meant to Say Was. . ." statement in response to the essay. Compare your WIRMI statement to your peer's response to determine with the paper communicates effectively. Make revisions accordingly.



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### Pause and Process



POW (Pull Apart the Prompt-Organize My Notes-Write and Say More) is an example of a writing strategy that focuses on the \_\_\_\_\_ phase of the writing process.

- a) Planning and Organization
- b) Writing
- c) Editing



d) Revision

### Pause and Process



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- c) Editing
- d)

d) Revision

Pause and Process



- What strategy could you teach to help increase writing independence and improve your students understanding of writing process?
- What strategy could you teach to help "fill in a gap" where there is an area of instructional need?
- ... <u>Or</u>, if the sample strategies presented don't address your instructional needs, identify the stage of writing (e.g., planning and organizing, writing, editing, revising) that you need to address through strategy instruction.



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Explicit and Systematic Instruction



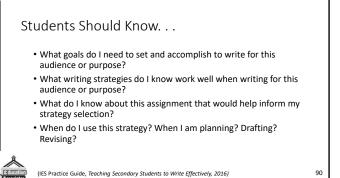
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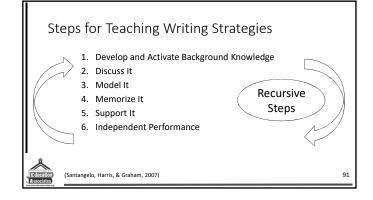
### Strategy Instruction

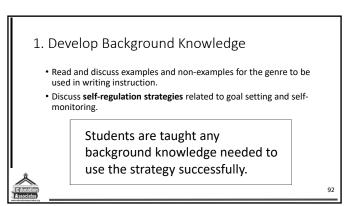
 An instructional approach in which students are explicitly and systematically taught (through modeling and guided practice with feedback) one or more strategies for planning, drafting, revising, and/or editing text with the goal of independent strategy use.

Instructional commitment and effort is required for strategy instruction.









### 2. Discuss It (Discourse is Critical)

- Discuss self-monitoring and goal setting (i.e., graphing).
- Discuss the strategy to be learned: purpose, benefits, how and when it can be used.
- Address how negative or ineffective self-talk, attitudes, or beliefs may be addressed in positive ways.

The strategy as well as it's purpose and benefits are discussed and described.

3. Model It

- Model and collaborative demonstrate writing and self-regulation strategies.
- Model self-assessment and self-recording through graphing.
- Continue student development of self-regulation strategies across tasks and situations.

The teacher models the strategy.



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### 4. Memorize It

- Reinforce the importance of memorize the strategy and the mnemonics.
- Continue to confirm and support memorization throughout all stages.

The student memorizes the steps of the strategy and any accompanying mnemonic.



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### 5. Support It – Guided Practice

- Teachers and students use writing and self-regulation strategies collaboratively to achieve success in composing – using prompts such as strategy charts, personal self-statement sheets, and graphic organizers.
- Teachers and students collaborate, collaborate, collaborate!
- Self-regulation components (goal setting, self-instructions, self-monitoring, and self-reinforcement) are all being used.

The teacher supports or scaffolds student mastery of the strategy.

### 6. Independent Performance

- Students are able to use writing and self-regulation strategies independently; teachers monitor and support/enhance as needed.
- Fading of overt self-regulation may begin (e.g., graphing may be discontinued, self-statement sheets may not be out during writing).

Students use the strategy with few or no supports.

Remember Your Resource Packet. . .

See the Self-Reflection Checklist for SRSD implementation. This checklist can also be used to document fidelity of implementation.

Which of these SRSD practices do you already use when teaching a writing strategy?

1 – I do this often 2 – occasionally 3 – have tired it 4 – haven't tried this yet



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### Implementation Considerations

- Teach <u>a few</u> strategies intensively
- Coordinate across teachers, grades, subjects
- Coordinate with process approaches that emphasize social context
- Integrate with content area instruction
- Fit into a curriculum based on genre or purposes for writing (e.g., to persuade)

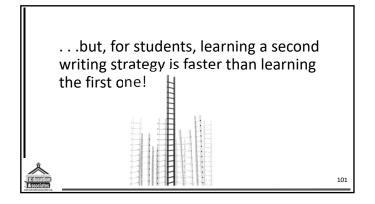


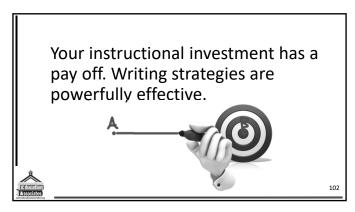
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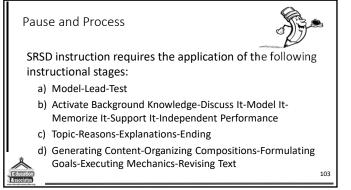
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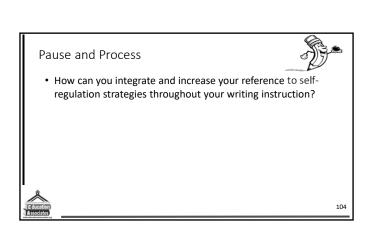
- Getting from single strategies to strategic learners is a long term process
- Demanding approach for teachers
- Explicit explanation and modeling
- Appropriate support
- Evaluation of strategy use and results
- Teaching to individual mastery in a group setting
- Demands on schools
- Coordinated approach across classes and grades

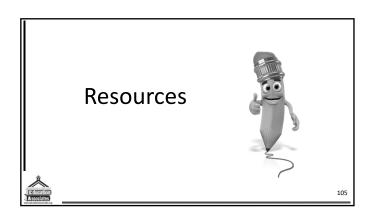


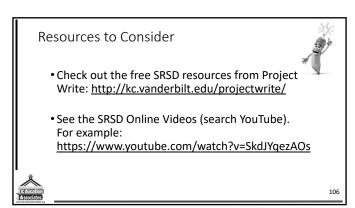


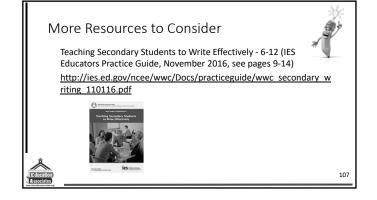


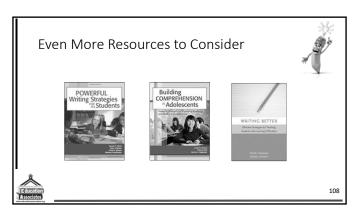


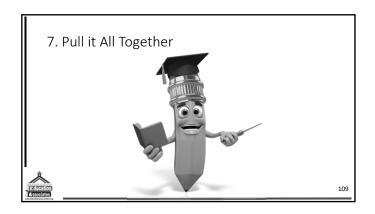


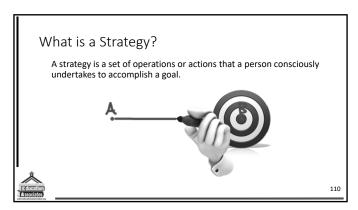












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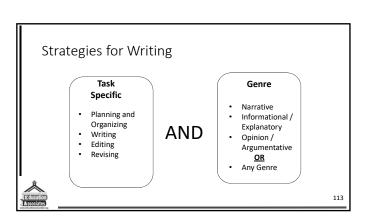


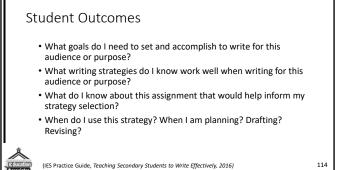
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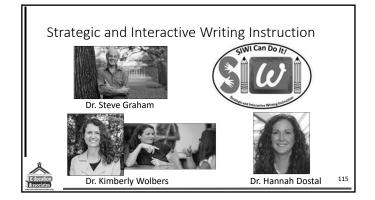
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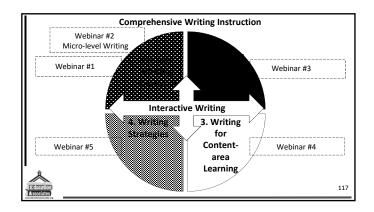
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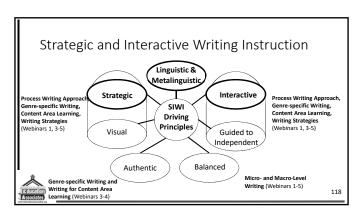
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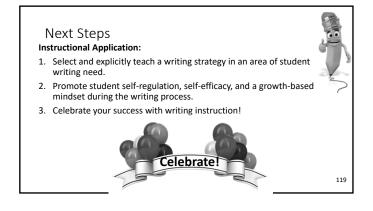
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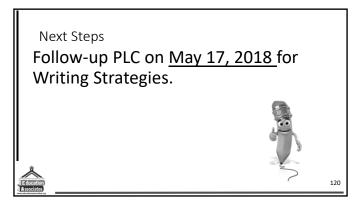
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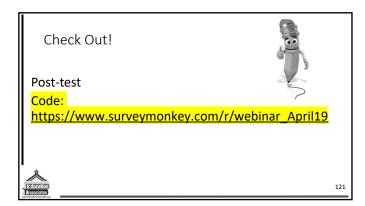














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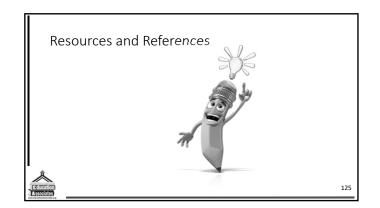
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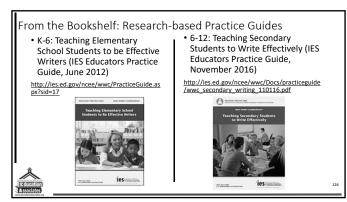
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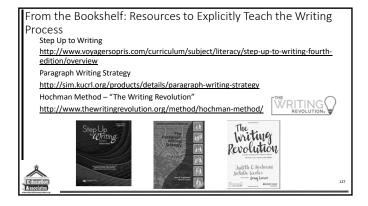
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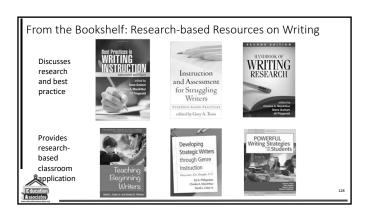
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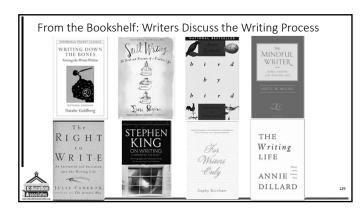












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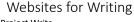
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