

## PDA Instructional Practices

### Objectives

- Identify the relationship between curriculum, assessment and instruction.
- Identify and understand the purpose of the Mathematics Florida Standards (MAFS) and Language Arts Florida Standards (LAFS), and the Access Points for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities.
- Identify elements of an effective planning process that is responsive to the needs of all students.
- Identify core principles of Florida's Multi-Tiered System of Supports.
- Identify the guidelines, classroom elements, and student characteristics that are the basis for differentiation of instruction to improve student learning.
- Acknowledge the potential barriers to effective differentiation.
- Determine ways to evaluate whether or not differentiation is improving student learning.
- Review the guidelines of differentiation.
- Describe design principles that make instruction more explicit in a differentiated environment.
- Identify teacher delivery methods that teachers can use to make instruction more intensive.
- Introduce a variety of teaching tools that can be used to support learning in a differentiated environment and assist with making instruction more explicit or more intensive.
- Examine why students experience reading difficulties and determine alterable and relevant causes as related to instruction.
- Review current research in reading.
- Identify Florida's reading initiatives.
- Review the basics of reading instruction.
- Identify characteristics of explicit instruction including instructional design principles and teacher delivery methods to increase the intensity of instruction.
- Explore the writing process and the text structures used when writing.
- Compare and contrast the skills of efficient writers and naïve writers.
- Examine effective instructional practices and assessment procedures for writing.
- Identify types of mathematical difficulties.
- Explore effective instructional approaches to address mathematical difficulties.
- Identify the collaborating partners and to examine their roles.
- Examine research-based practices that enhance collaboration.
- Reflect on improving collaboration between the partners.