

Direct Instruction

What is Direct Instruction?

“Direct Instruction is the method that demonstrates the power of teachers working together to plan and critique a series of lessons, sharing understanding of progression, articulating intentions and success criteria and attending to the impact on student and teacher learning.”

D.W. Carnine, 2000

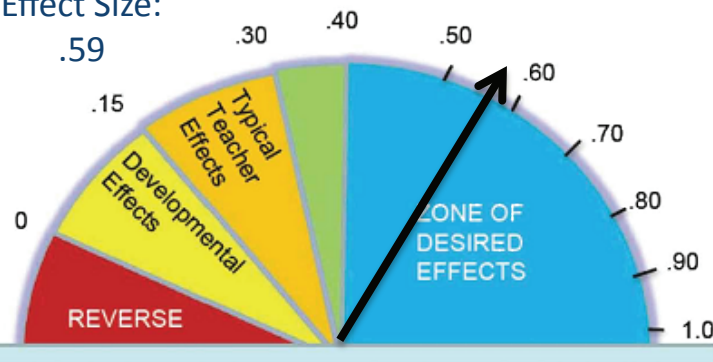
The Research

The research demonstrates the **step-by-step sequencing** and breakdown of academic content significantly benefits students understanding. This **step-by-step strategy** shows students how a thinking process can lead to accurate solutions.

Gersten & Canine, 1986

Effect Size

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Seven Essential Steps

1. GOAL

Learning intention: What should students know, do, & understand?

2. MEASURE

Establish success criteria in student-friendly language with timeframes for accountability.

3. HOOK

Catch students attention to build commitment and engagement in a learning task.

4. PRESENTATION

Teacher provides input & modeling, monitoring for student understanding.

5. GUIDED PRACTICE

Teacher provides direct supervision determining mastery & provides students with feedback or remediation as needed.

6. WRAP UP/CLOSURE

Summarize goals & measures, review & clarify key points, help students organize thinking & learning, and apply key skills.

7. INDEPENDENT PRACTICE

Reinforce practice using “cold” materials, peer-teaching, homework, or project-based activities.