Excellent instruction, every day, in every class, for every student
7 Success Factors

- Understanding adult learning
- A coaching cycle
- Teaching strategies (instructional playbook)
- Data
- Communication
- Leadership
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Test:
What is your approach to coaching?
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Guiding Questions

1. What is your approach to coaching?

2. How do instructional coaches identify goals with teachers?

3. How should instructional coaches go about explaining and modeling teaching strategies?

4. How do coaches partner with teachers to make adaptations until goals are met?
Kansas Coaching Project

Partnership study

Qualitative studies

Quantitative studies

Lean-design research
What is your approach to coaching?
Approaches to Coaching

Facilitative
Directive
Dialogical
Facilitative

The Sounding Board

Teachers already have most of the expertise they need to improve

Coach doesn’t share expertise

Teacher does most of the thinking

Accountability is to the teacher

Inquiry
Directive
Master and Apprentice

Teacher doesn’t have the knowledge they need to improve
Coach’s expertise is the focus of the session
Coach does most of the thinking
Accountability is to the system
Advocacy
Teacher’s knowledge is clearly valued, and coach’s knowledge of evidence-based teaching strategies is often very helpful.

Coach shares expertise, but dialogically.

Coach and teacher think together.

Coach makes the decision about what learning accountability is to the students.

Advocacy & Inquiry
## Three Approaches to Coaching

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Surface
Deep
Your question

What approach to coaching will have the most positive impact on students’ lives in your school(s)?
2:00
The Impact Cycle

- Identify
- Improve
- Learn

The cycle flows from Identify to Improve to Learn and back to Identify.
CURRENT REALITY

Strategies

GOAL
CURRENT REALITY
Seeing Reality

- Video
- Interviewing students
- Reviewing student work
- Observation data
Your question

Would you like to see anything change about how video is used in your school/district?
2:00
CURRENT REALITY

GOAL
PEERS Goals

Powerful
Easy
Emotionally compelling
Reachable (measurable; strategy is identified)
Student-focused
CURRENT REALITY

Strategies

GOAL
The Questions

On a scale of 1-10, how close the lesson to your ideal?

What pleased you about the lesson?

What would have to change to make it closer to a 10?

What would you see your students doing differently?

Describe what that would look like?

How could we measure that?

Should that be your goal?

If you could reach that goal would it really matter to you?

What teaching strategy would you like try to achieve your goals?
Your question

How is this approach to goal setting similar/different from goal setting in your school(s)?
2:00
The Impact Cycle

IDENTIFY

IMPROVE

LEARN
Instructional Playbook
High-Impact Teaching Practices

Content Planning

• Guiding Questions
• Learning Maps

Formative Assessment

• Specific Proficiencies
• Checks for Understanding
• Teaching Modifications

Instruction

• Thinking Prompts
• Effective Questions
• Cooperative Learning
• Stories
• Authentic Learning

Community Building

• Learner-Friendly Culture
• Power With, not Power Over
• Freedom Within Form
• Expectations
• Witness to the Good
• Corrections
Learning Maps

In One Sentence:
• A graphic organizer depicting the essential knowledge, skills, and big ideas students are to learn in a unit.

The Hattie Check:
• Student Expectations 1.44; Teacher Clarity .75; Concept Mapping .75.
• Students can use learning maps to review, monitor their learning, and confirm understanding.
• Learning maps are a form of concept map teachers can use to ensure their lessons are clear.

What’s the Point?
• Learning maps are powerful because the visual depiction of a unit keeps students and teachers on track.
• The map is an accommodation for students who struggle to take notes, and it structures the beginning and ending of lessons.
• Learning maps are living study guides that make connections explicit and that support repeated review.

How Are Learning Maps Used By Teachers?

• Teachers should take 25-40 minutes to introduce the unit through an interactive discussion of the map on the first day of a unit.
• Throughout the unit, the maps can be used as visual prompts for conversations around advance and post organizers.
• Teachers should prompt students to record new information on their maps as it is learned.
• At the end of the unit, maps can be integrated into the unit review.

How Are Learning Maps Used By Students?

Students use learning maps
• to take note of key information,
• to frequently review and clarify their learning, and
• as points of departure for classroom dialogue.
# Checklist: An Effective Learning Map

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Precise & Provisional
Use assessments effectively to . . .

| Ensure that all students respond.                   |
| Develop a group response ritual.                   |
| Ask students to explain their responses.           |
| Use effective questioning techniques.              |
| Reinforce students as they respond.               |
| Read nonverbal cues.                               |
| Create a mistake-friendly culture.                |
| Consider giving students progress charts.          |
| ✔                                                    |

Model

in the class
co-teach
prior to class
another class (with coach)
another class (without coach)
video
How might you use the ideas of (a) instructional playbooks, (b) checklists, and (c) modeling teaching strategies?
2:00
The Impact Cycle

- Identify
- Improve
- Learn

This cycle involves identifying needs, improving processes, and learning from the outcomes, continually iterating to enhance impact.
IMPROVE PHASE

1. Implement teaching strategy
2. Monitor progress toward goal
3. Modify strategy, if necessary
4. Revisit goal
Improve

- Confirm Direction
- Review Progress
- Invent Improvements
- Plan Next Actions
Confirm Direction

• Given the time we have today, what’s the most important thing for us to talk about?

• What’s on your mind?
Review Progress

- What has gone well?
- What are you seeing that shows that the strategy is successful?
- What progress has been made toward the goal?
Review Progress

- What did you learn?
- What surprised you?
- What roadblocks are you running into?
Inventing Improvements

- Do you want to stick with the strategy as it is?
- Do you want to revisit how you use the teaching strategy?
- Do you want to choose a new strategy?
Inventing Improvements

- Do you want to change the way we measure progress toward the goal?
- Do you want to change the goal?
Plan Next Actions

- Determine next meeting
- Identify tasks
- Add dates
  - Confirm commitment
CHECKLIST:

Impact Cycle

IDENTIFY:
- Teacher gets a clear picture of current reality by watching a video of their lesson or by reviewing observation data (video is best)
- Coach asks the identify questions with the teacher to identify a goal
- Teacher identifies a student-focused goal
- Teacher identifies a teaching strategy to use to hit the goal

LEARN:
- Coach shares a checklist for the chosen teaching strategy
- Coach prompts the teacher to modify the practice if they wish
- Teacher chooses an approach to modeling that they would like to observe & identifies a time to watch modeling
- Coach provides modeling in one or more formats
- Teacher sets a time to implement the practice

IMPROVE:
- Teacher implements the practice
- Data is gathered (by teacher or coach in class or while viewing video) on student progress toward the goal
- Data is gathered (by teacher or coach in class or while viewing video) on teacher’s implementation of the practice (usually on the previously viewed checklist)
- Coach and teacher meet to confirm direction and monitor progress
- Coach and teacher make adaptations and plan next actions until the goal is met
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What questions do you have about the impact cycle?