

Research – Resources – Report

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Mission: To gather and share current research and resources with educators.

Research And Resources

☞ Pre-K Teachers Resource Center

The information in this resource center is intended to help current and future early childhood educators provide the highest-quality pre-k education for all children. In more and more states, pre-k teachers are required to meet increasingly high standards, adhere to the latest research-based instruction, developmentally appropriate best practices, and teach using state-approved curricula. In addition to state requirements, new federal education laws can impact pre-k programs and planning. Nevertheless, the most important and the first teachers are parents, and remain critical; their active involvement can have the biggest impact on the future success of their child. This resource center offers information on all these areas because all children deserve great teachers.

www.preknow.org/educators/resource/index.cfm

☞ Tiered Interventions in High Schools: Using Preliminary “Lessons Learned” to Guide Ongoing Discussion

This document – representing the initial work of the High School Tiered Interventions Initiative (HSTII), a collaborative project of the National High School Center, the National Center on Response to Intervention, and the Center on Instruction – summarizes what HSTII has learned thus far about effective RTI implementation in high schools. It provides a brief description on the RTI framework and the essential components of RTI, illustrates how the essential components of RTI were implemented at eight visited schools, and highlights contextual factors unique to high schools and examines how these factors can affect school-level implementation of tiered interventions.

www.betterhighschools.org/pubs/documents/HSTII_LessonsLearned.pdf

☞ Excellence in Teaching Project: Guides, Observation Forms, and Protocols

The Excellence in Teaching Project is a pilot program currently in place in a hundred schools in the Chicago Public School system. The program endeavors to transform instructional practice by facilitating ways to engage teachers and principals in guided and constructive conversations about instruction and professional growth. An alternative to the proverbial checklist, the guides, observation forms and protocols as a whole provide a means of defining good and bad teaching, common language between principals and teachers to talk about improvements, and evidence for teachers to demonstrate how they meet specific performance criteria.

www.chicagoteacherexcellence.org/

☞ Essential Components of RTI - A Closer Look at Response to Intervention

This brief provides a definition of RTI, reviews four essential RTI components, and responds to frequently asked questions.

www.rti4success.org/images/stories/pdfs/rtiessentialcomponents_042710.pdf

☞ Transforming Schools to Meet the Needs of Students: Improving School Quality and Increasing Learning Time in ESEA

Expanding time in school has become a core strategy of the national education reform agenda. This document highlights relevant research on expanded learning time, current information on the ground efforts, lessons from the field, and other related issues.

www.americanprogress.org/issues/2010/02/pdf/elt_policy_brief.pdf

☞ Teachers' Use of Educational Technology in U.S. Public Schools: 2009

Compare your school's technology use with the national data. These two reports provide national data on the availability and use of educational technology among teachers in public elementary and secondary schools during the winter and spring of 2009 and 2008.

www.nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2010040

www.nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2010034

☞ Usefulness of Homework

Learn what research says about the usefulness of homework and get helpful tips on building family-school-community relationships, enhancing parent engagement in high schools, working with non-English-speaking parents, encouraging family learning, and more.

www.edweek.org/ew/marketplace/products/spotlight-homework.html

