

# *Effective Teacher Instructional Behaviors to Decrease Challenging Student Behavior*

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# *If the children aren't learning, we're not teaching*

Siegfried Engelmann

- It's all about probability – some things work better than others -- **Practices Matter!**
- All behavior change is an instructional process -- **Instruction Matters!**
- Student behavior won't change until adult behavior changes -- **Teachers Matter!**

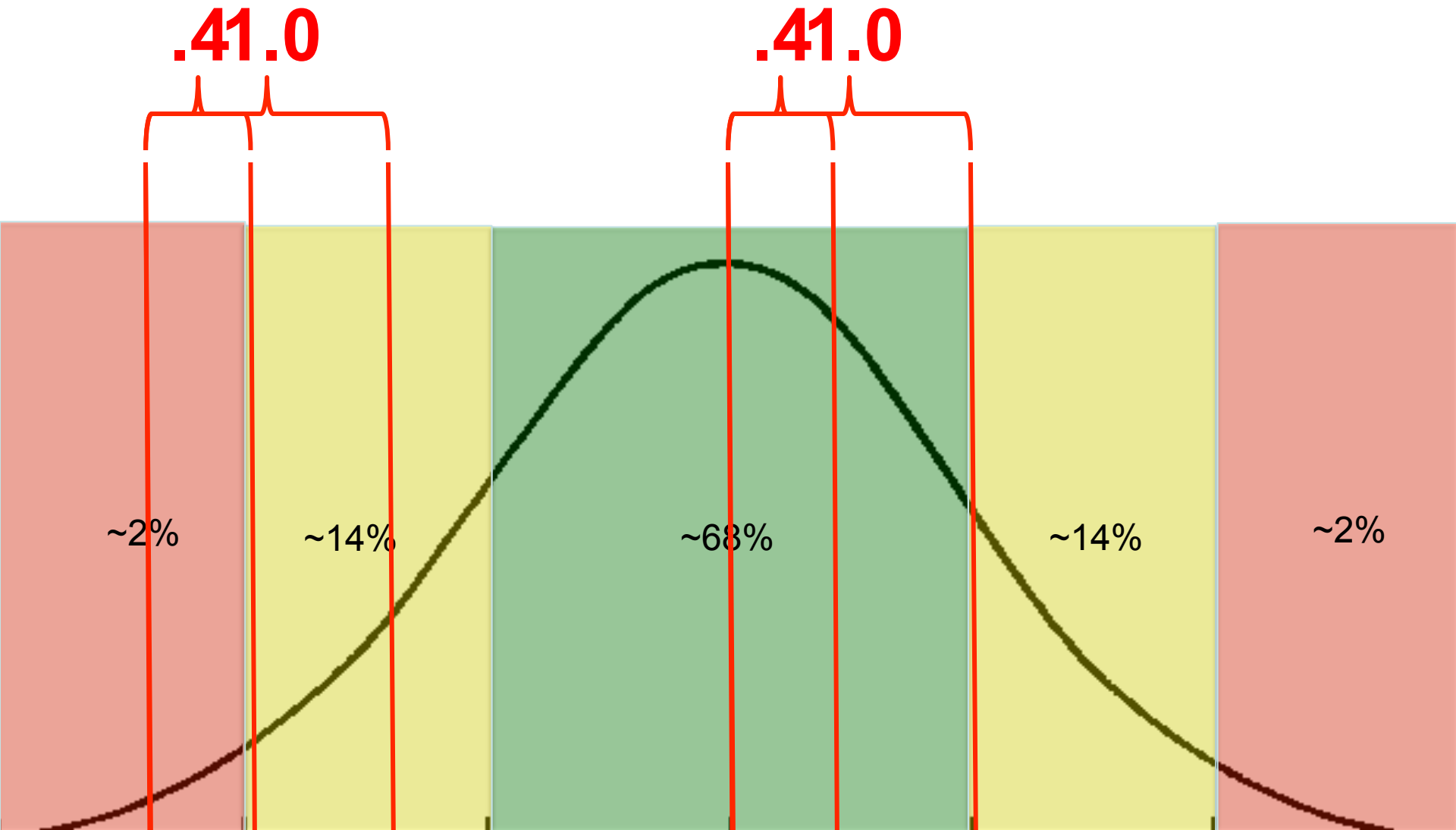
# What is an Effective Teacher?

- Anyone can tell students something or tell them what to do
- A teacher creates a set of circumstances that increase the probability of the student being successful now and in the future

Instruction	Environment	Relationships
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Teacher facilitated</li><li>• Direct and explicit</li><li>• Authentic examples</li><li>• Multiple opportunities</li><li>• Engages students</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Arranges physical space</li><li>• Develops routines</li><li>• Develops Procedures</li><li>• Consistent across time and students</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Communicates often</li><li>• Conveys genuine interest in students</li><li>• Maintains role of encouraging teacher</li></ul>

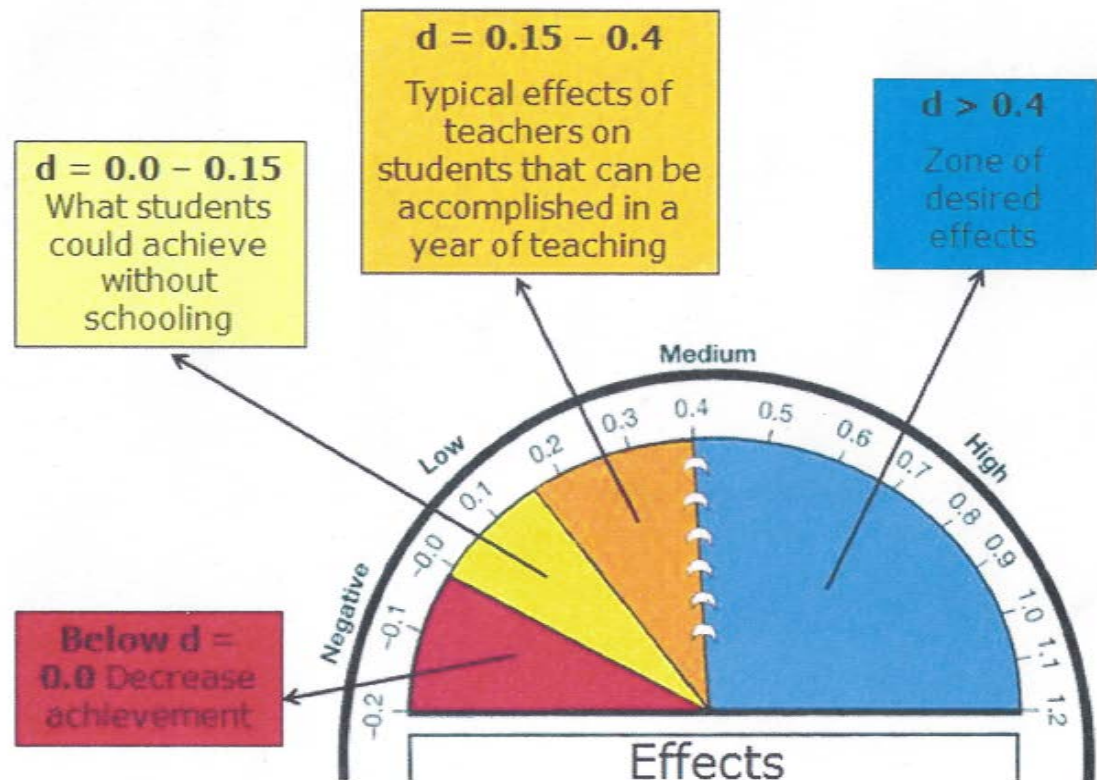
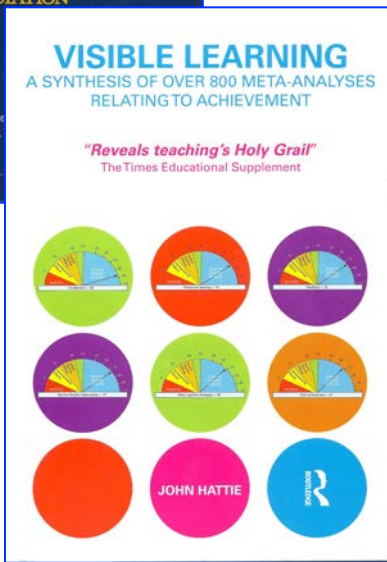
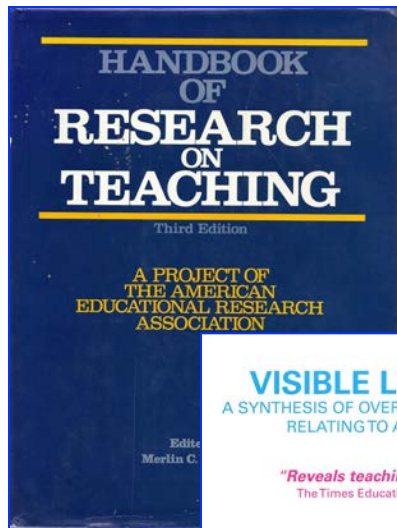
# Probability

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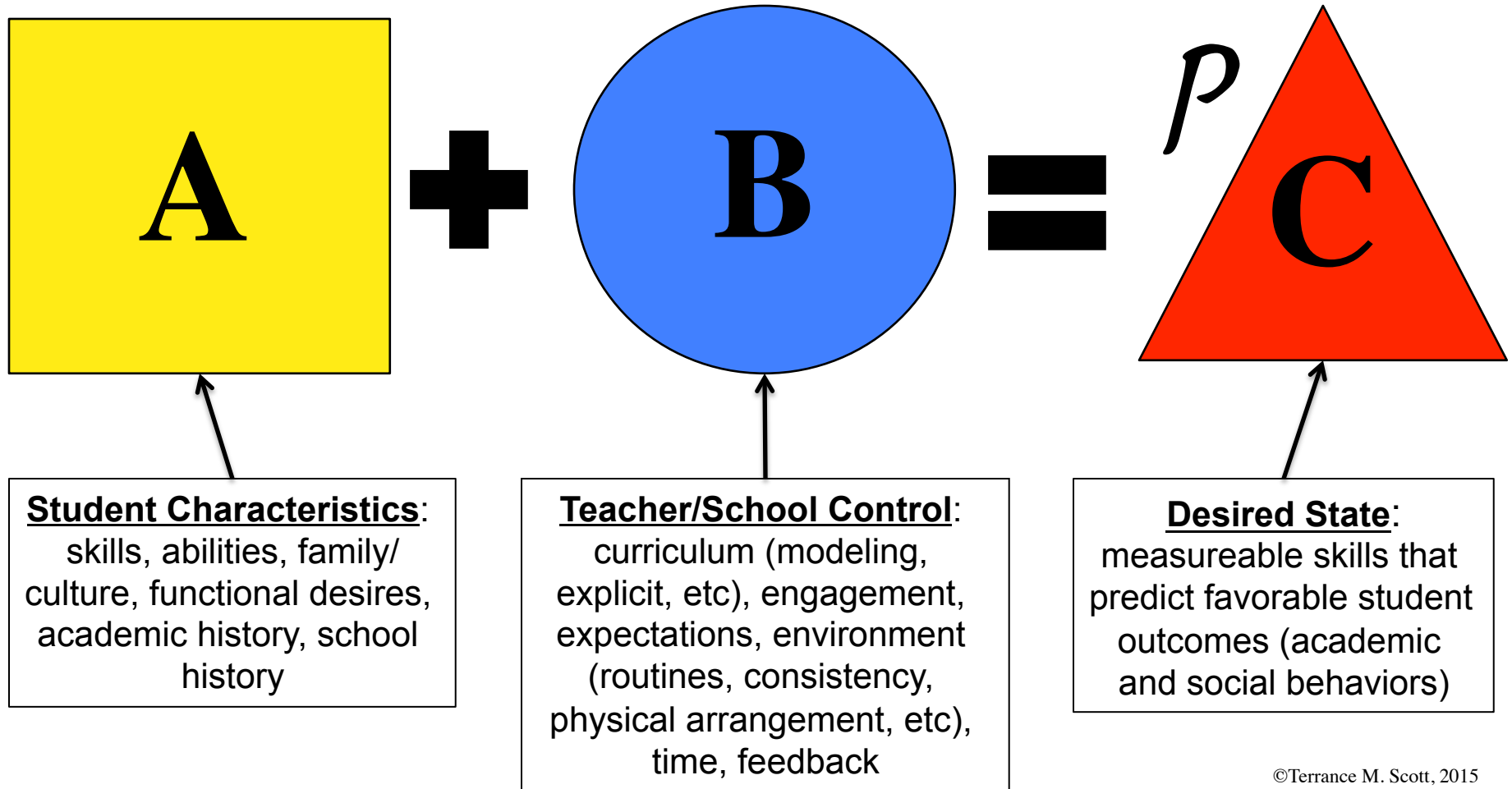


# What Works?

- Effective Classrooms Literature from 1970s  
(e.g., Brophy, Good, Rosenshine, Berliner, et al)
- Meta-Analyses from past 15 years  
(e.g., Hattie, Gottfredson, et al)



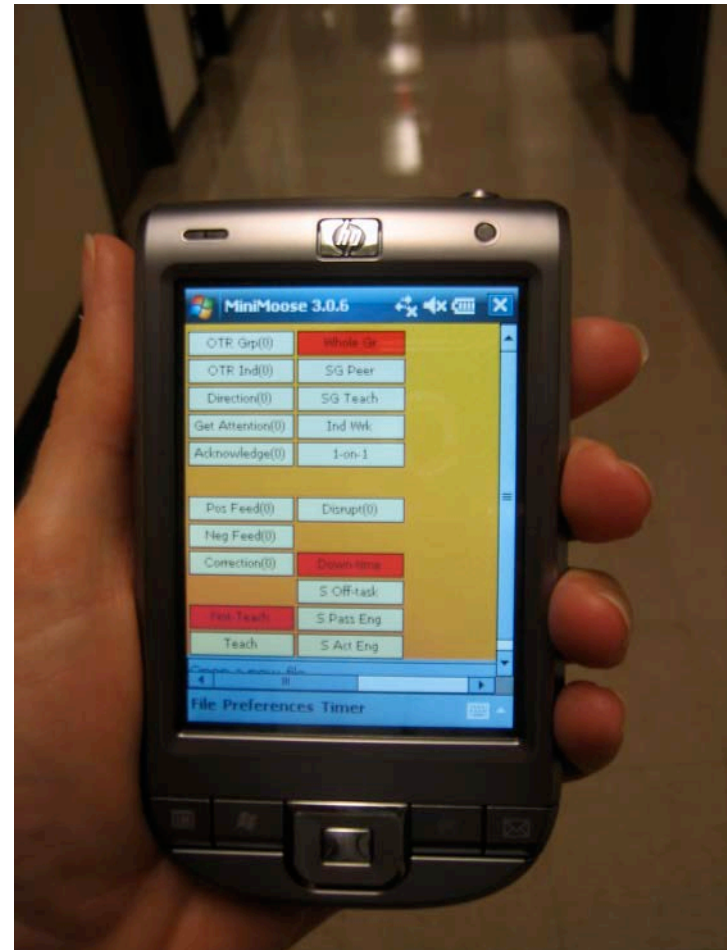
# Logical Thinking: Probability Equation



# To What Degree do Teachers Use High Probability Strategies?

## Classroom Observations Study

- Observe how teachers and students interact during typical classroom instructional periods
- 15 minute observations of individual student in context of classroom
- Duration and frequency measures
- Look at descriptive stats, correlations, conditional probabilities, and higher level analyses



# Interobserver Reliability

Coders



**TOTAL .98**

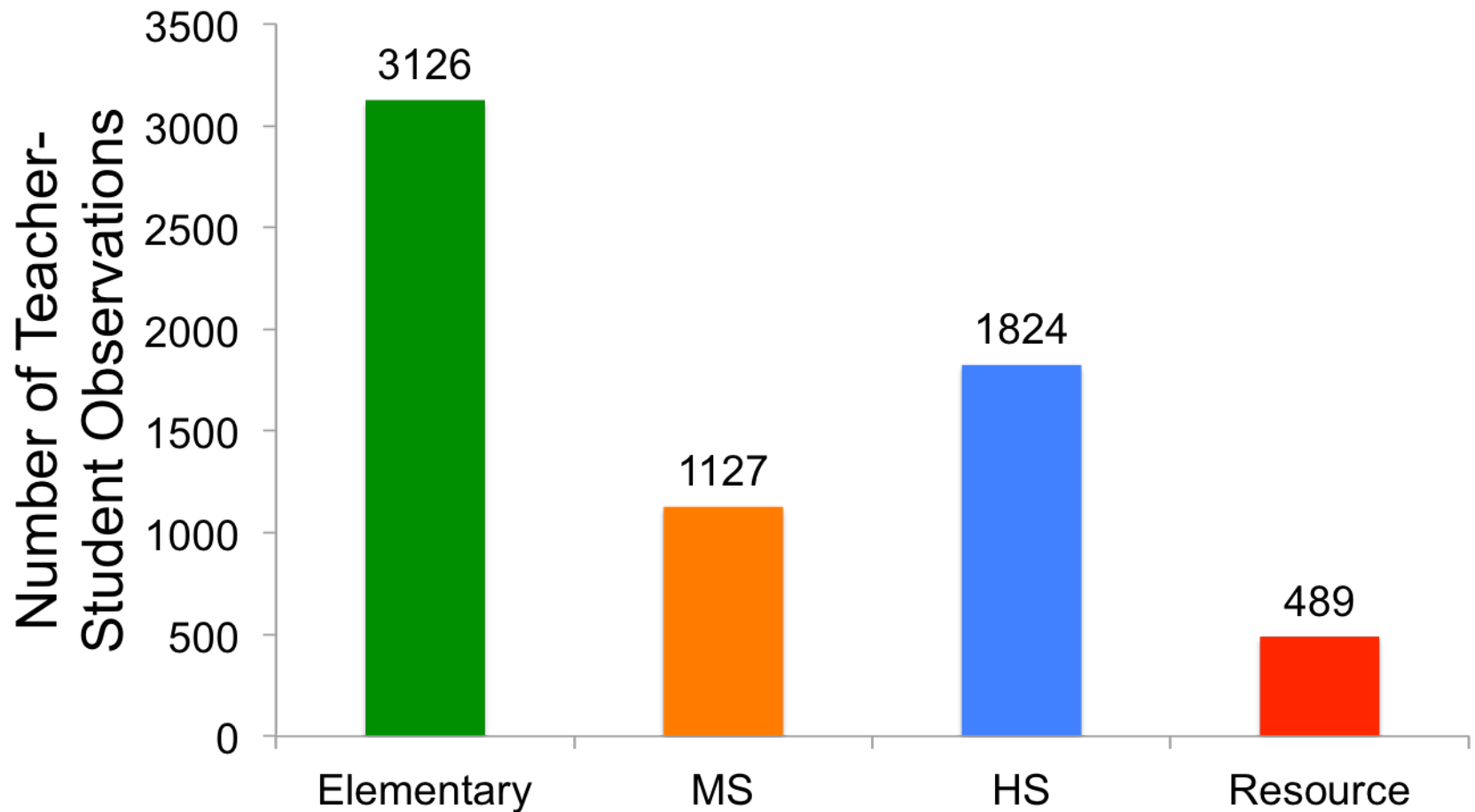
During 15% of  
7000+  
observations

Teacher Behaviors				
Time Tchg	OTR Grp	OTR Indiv	Pos Feedbk	Neg Feedbk
.99	.93	.90	.88	.94

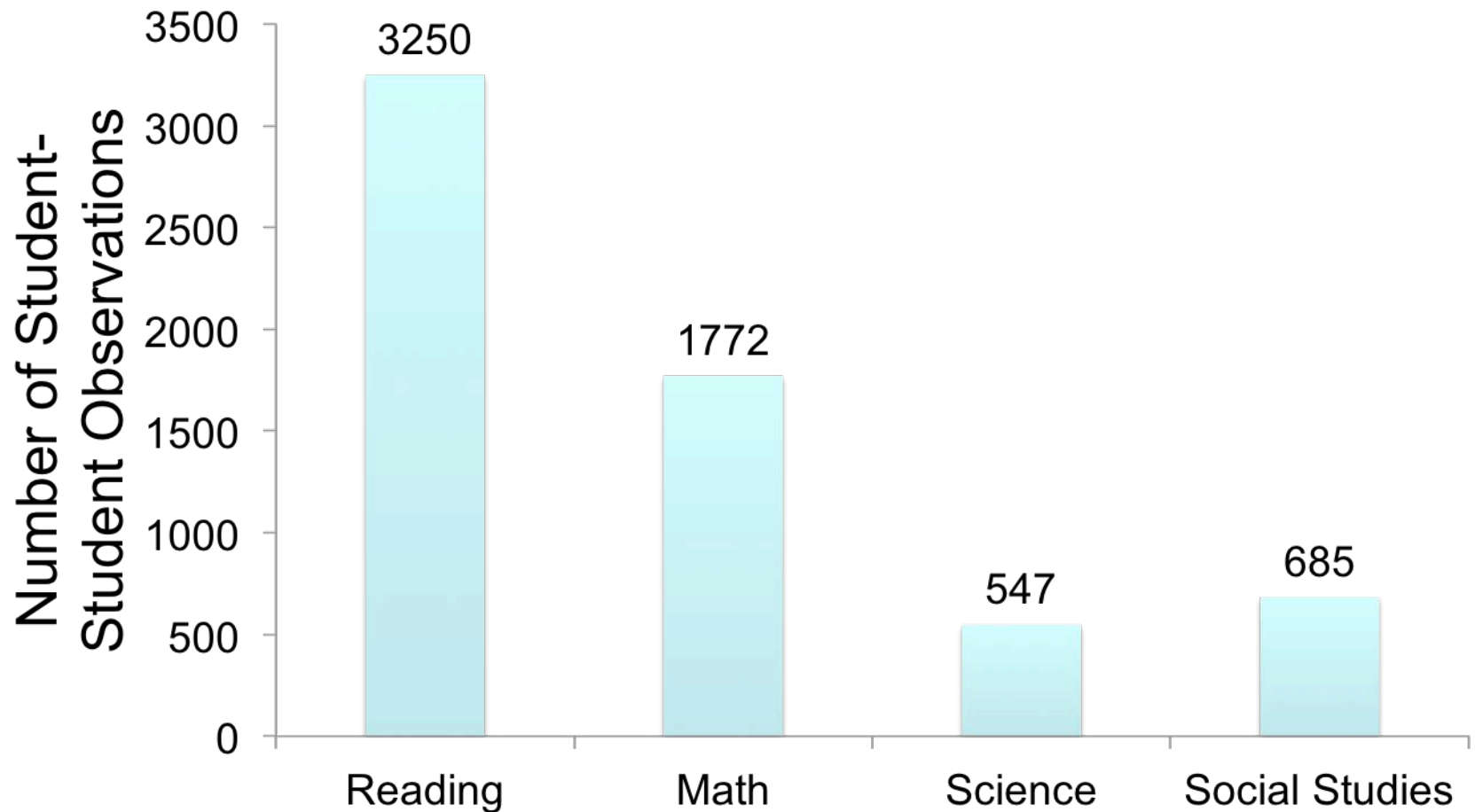
Student Behaviors			
Active Eng	Passive Eng	Off Task	Disruptive
.97	.98	.97	.94



# Demographics – Grade Level

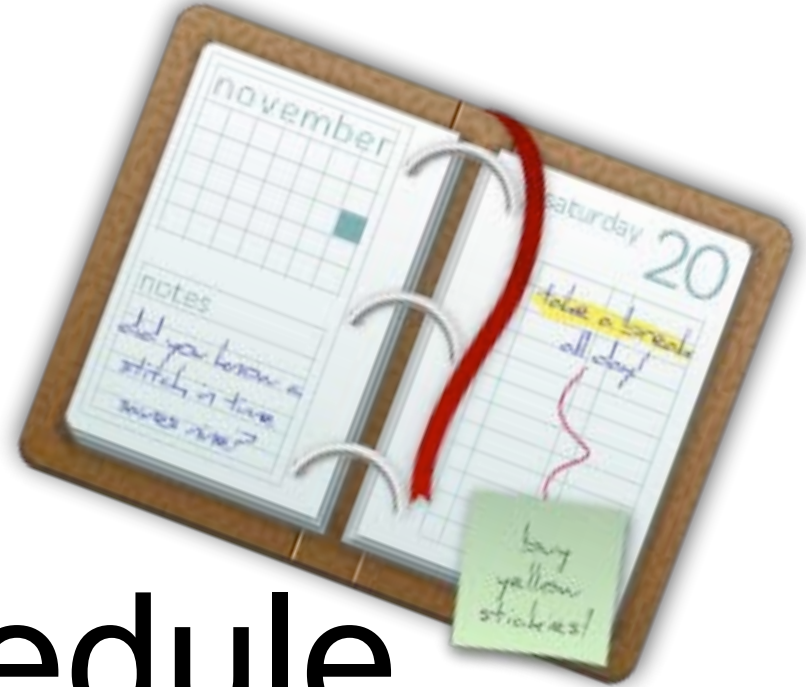


# Demographics – Content



# **Classroom Concept #1**

**CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT THAT  
PREDICTS SUCCESS**

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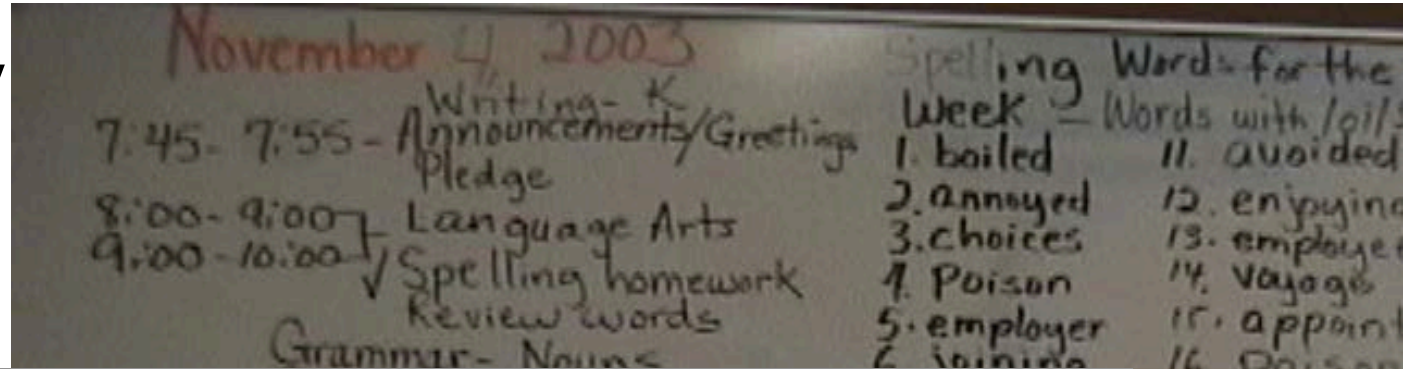
# Schedule

- Consistency!!
- Expectations for arrival times
- Sequencing and length of activities
- Explaining changes



# Advance Organizers

- Public display
- Consistency
- Prompts



9:00 – 9:30 spelling –page 23

9:30 – 9:40 restroom break

9:40 – 10:30 math –workbook p. 19

10:30 – 11:15 music –walk quietly

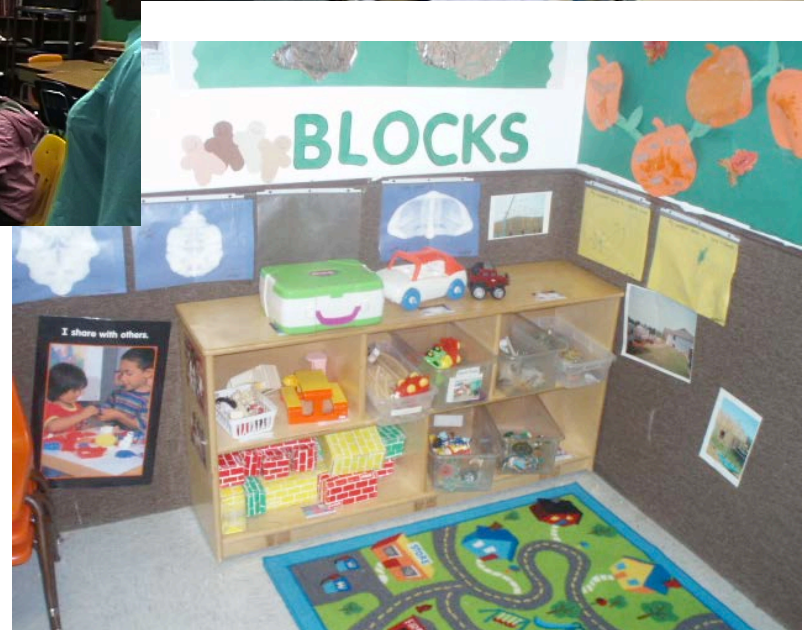
11:15 – 11:25 wash hands

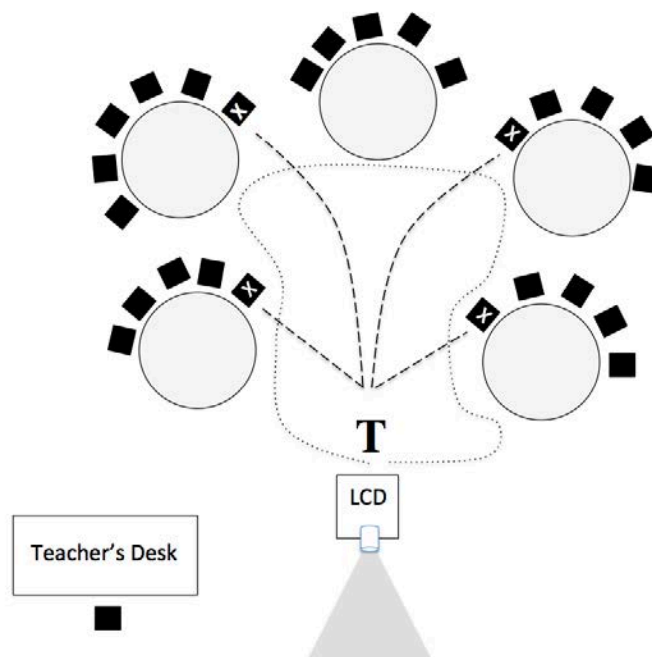
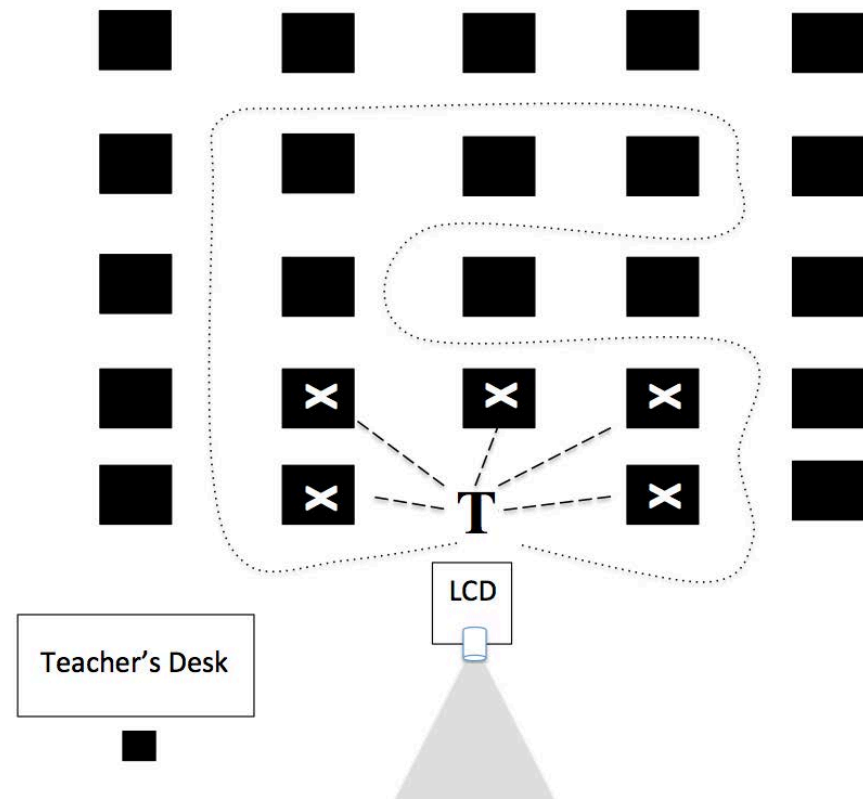
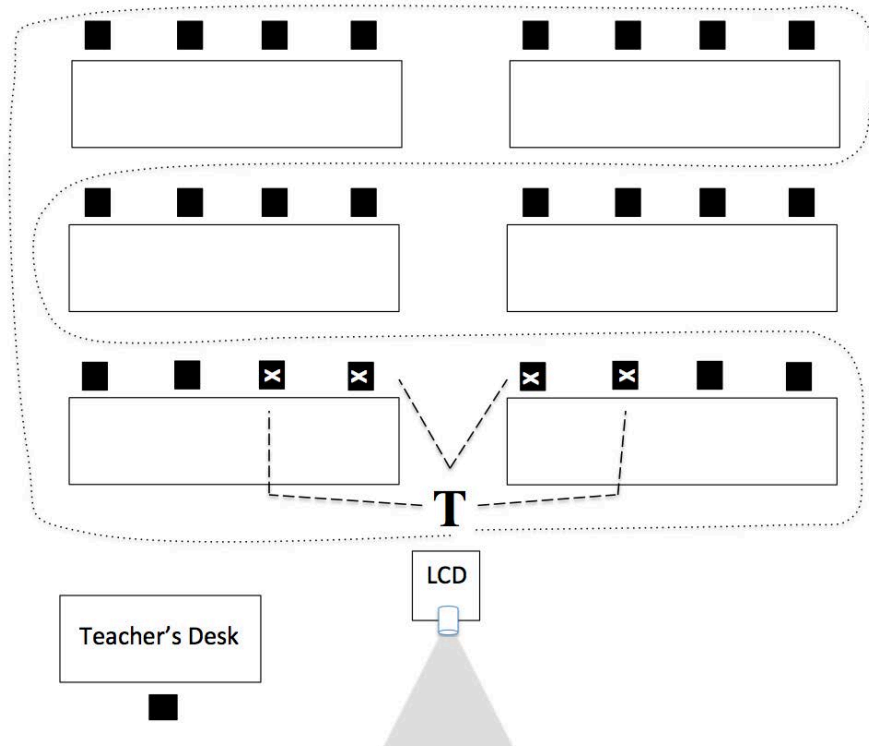
11:25 walk to lunch

11:30 – 12:30 lunch and recess

# Physical Arrangement

- Seating
  - Teacher's desk
  - Students' desks
- Sight lines
  - Teacher positions
- Traffic Flow
  - Associated activities
  - (e.g., pencil sharpening,
  - getting water, using the
  - bathroom, beginning and
  - end of day)







# Proximity

- Proactive Proximity
  - Movement about the room
  - 1-second rule
  - Assigned seating
- Reactive Proximity
  - Start with eye contact
  - Approach and eye contact
  - Hover and eye contact
  - Hover and question
    - *What should we be doing?*

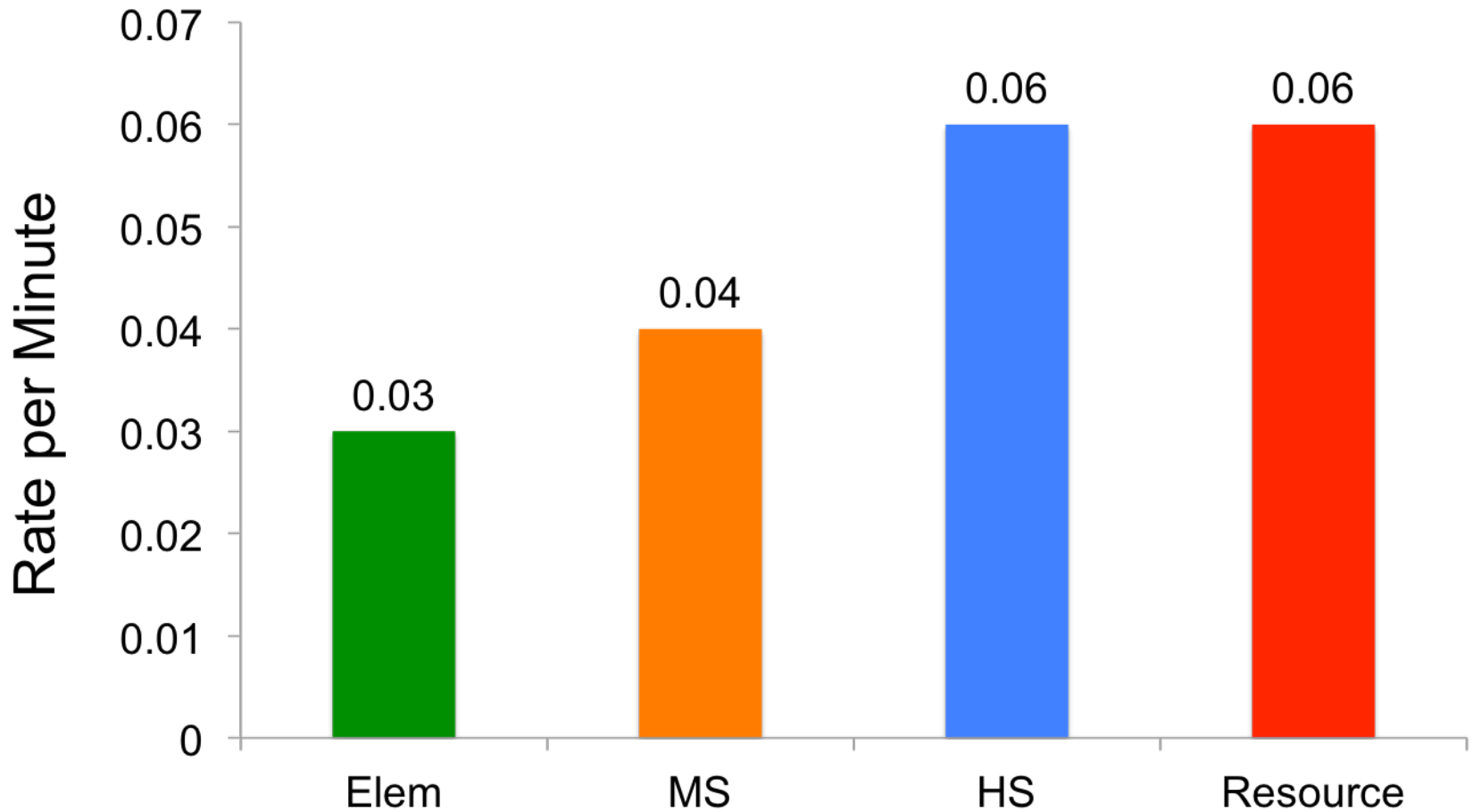




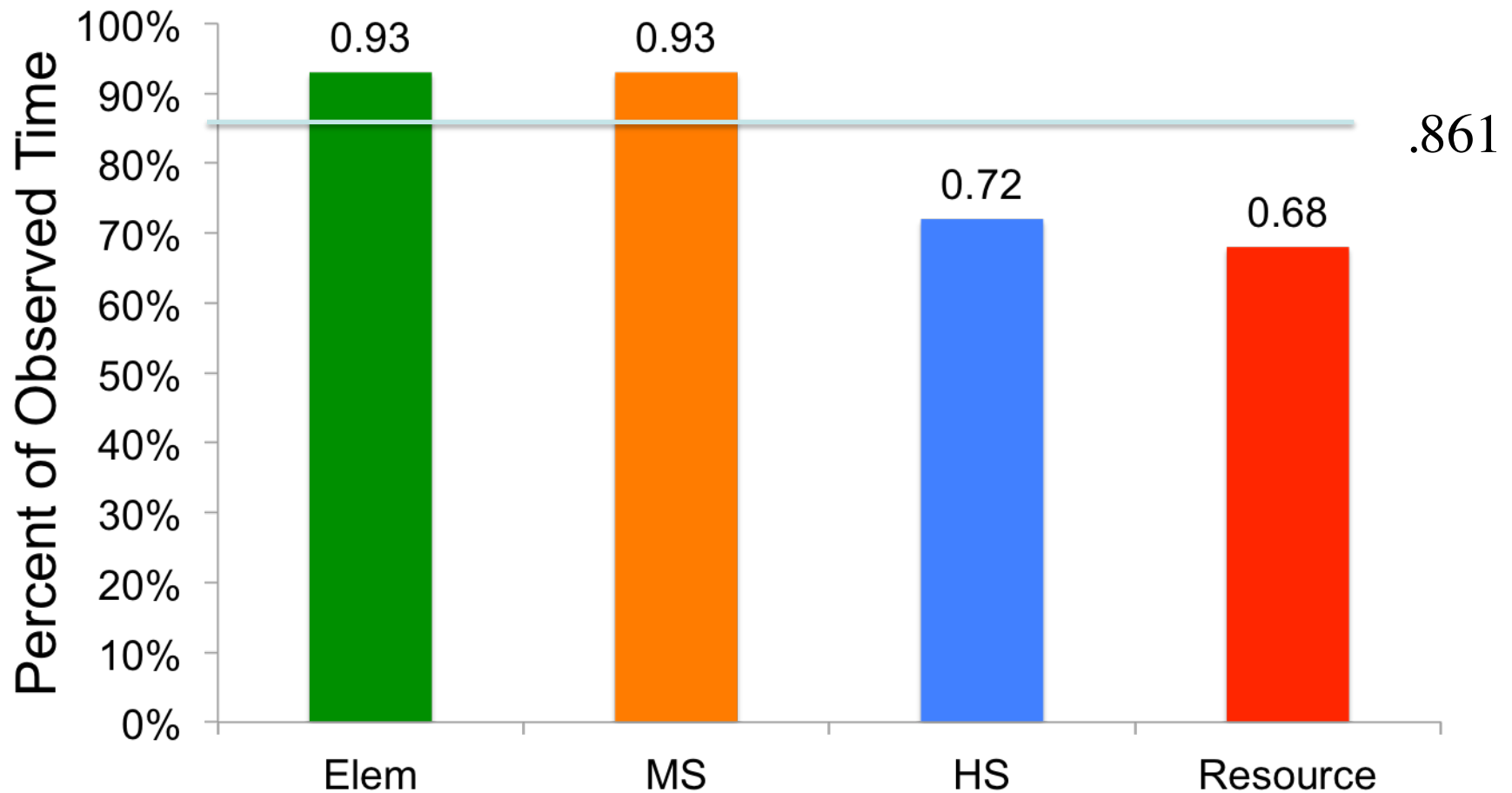
# Proximity



# Down Time



# Time Spent Teaching





# Small Deficits Add Up Over Time



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**15 minutes X 4 = 1 hour**

**1 hour X 5 = day**

**1 day X 20 = 1 month**

**1 month X 9 = 1 school year**

# Extrapolating Across the School Year

## *Teaching*

Assuming 5 hour school day, 20 day school month, and 180 day school year

Not teaching = wasted instructional time	% of 15 min “Not Teaching”	Instruction Time Not Used (no teaching or monitoring)			
		Per Hour	Per Day	Per Month	Per Year
Elementary	10%	6 min	30 min	2 days	18 days
Middle School	10%	6 min	30min	2 days	18 days
High School	28%	16.8 min	1.40 hours	5.6 days	2.4 months

### Definition of Not Teaching:

*Teacher is not engaging students and is involved in independent task with no interactions with student.*

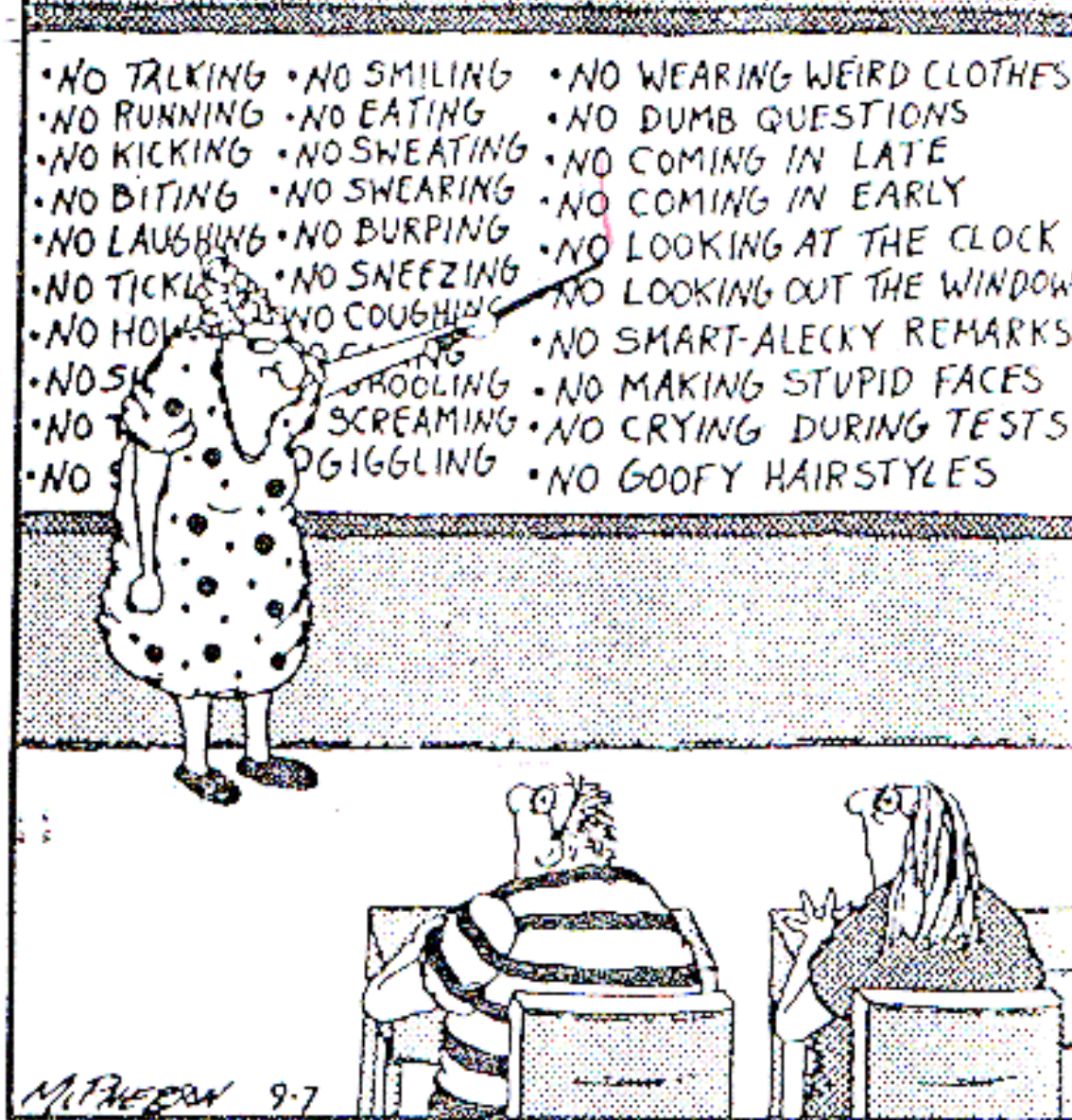
# Classroom Concept #2

**TEACH: BE DIRECT AND EXPLICIT  
WHEN PRESENTING INSTRUCTION – DON'T  
ASSUME**



# Ineffective Instruction

- Sets the occasion for student failure



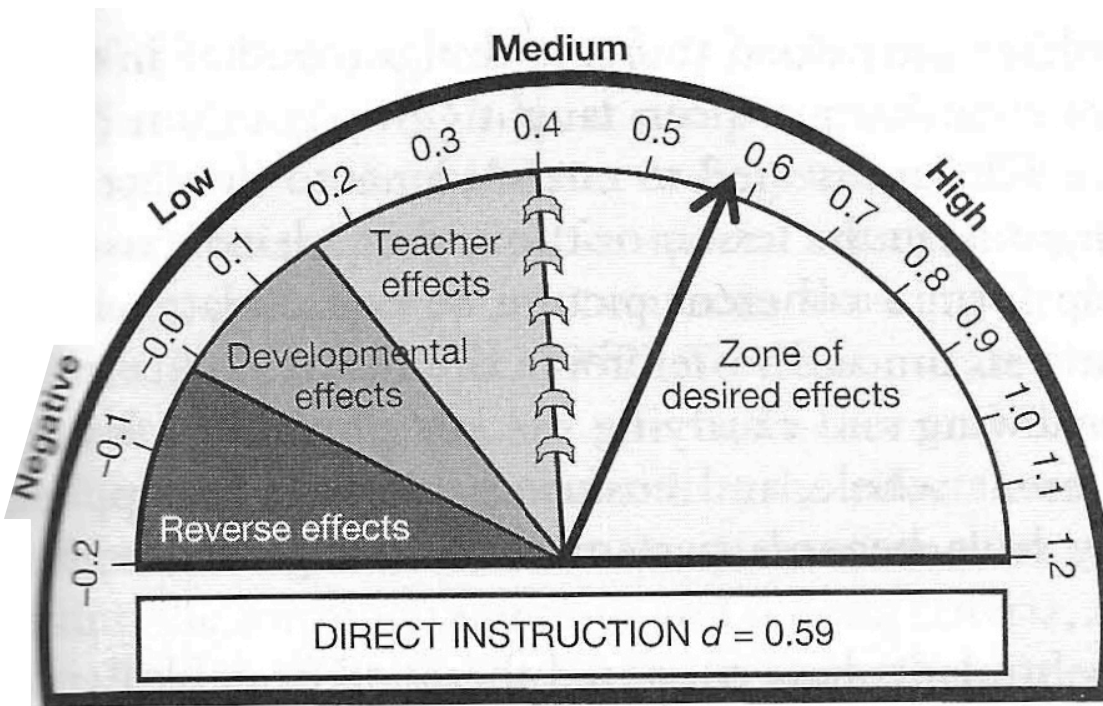
Miss Bence liked to go over a few of her rules on the first day of school.



*Effect Size*

# Direct Instruction

Direct Instruction involves: (1) teacher consideration of what is necessary to facilitate success with learning of the skills being taught, (2) teacher responsibility for delivery and control of lesson to maximize success, (3) high levels of engagement and feedback with the student getting multiple opportunities to practice success



## KEY

Standard error	0.096 (High)
Rank	26th
Number of meta-analyses	4
Number of studies	304
Number of effects	597
Number of people (1)	42,618

# Be Physically and Verbally Explicit

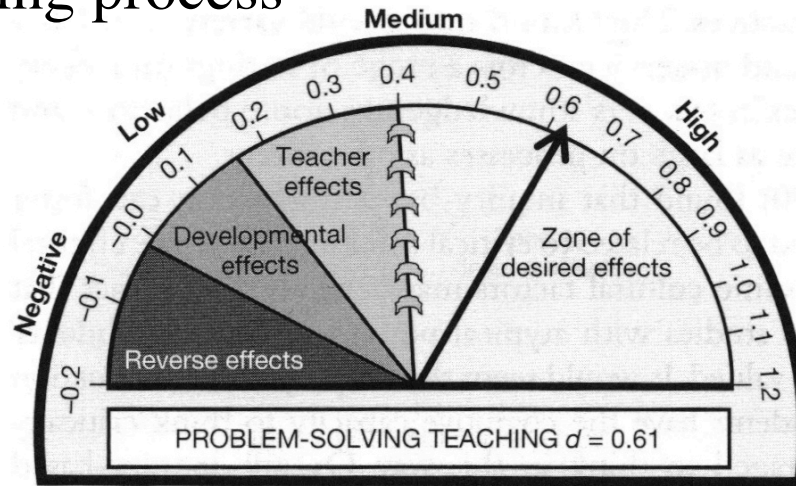
- Tell the student exactly what the rule is
- Show them while talking about it
- Engage students
- Ask questions



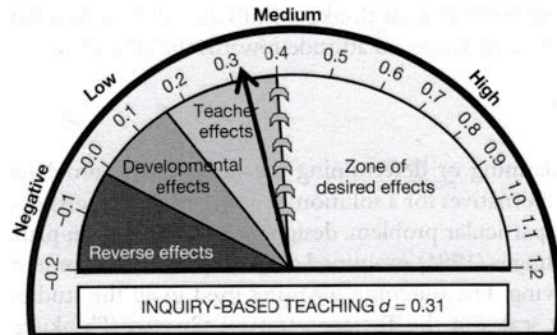
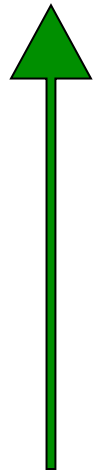
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# Inquiry vs. Problem-Solving

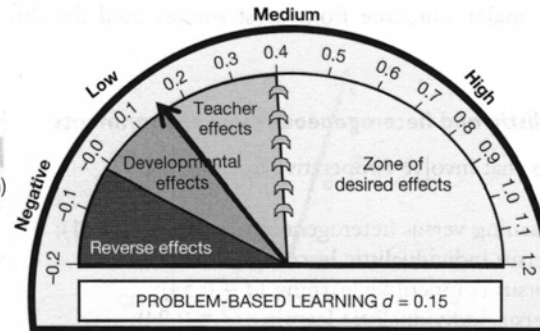
Instruction wherein the students solve without teacher instruction to lead do not have effects as strong as teacher instruction of problem solving process



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Standard error	0.076 (Medium)
Rank	20th
Number of meta-analyses	6
Number of studies	221
Number of effects	719
Number of people (3)	15,235



KEY	
Standard error	0.092 (High)
Rank	86th
Number of meta-analyses	4
Number of studies	205
Number of effects	420
Number of people (1)	7,437



KEY	
Standard error	0.085 (High)
Rank	118th
Number of meta-analyses	8
Number of studies	285
Number of effects	546
Number of people (4)	38,090



# Instructional Concept #3

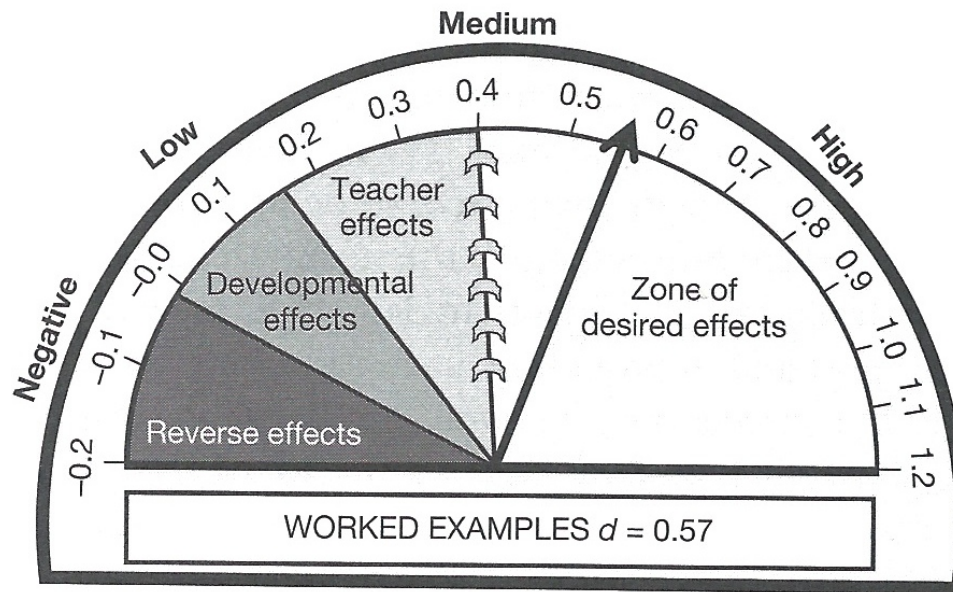
**SHOW STUDENTS, ASK FOR  
ACTION, & GUIDE PRACTICE TO  
FACILITATE HIGH RATES OF  
SUCCESS**



# Effect Size

## Modeling

Teacher modeling is an essential component of effective instruction  
-- show them how, then when and when not to



KEY	
Standard error	0.042 (Medium)
Rank	30th
Number of meta-analyses	1
Number of studies	62
Number of effects	151
Number of people (1)	3,324

# Model Behavior



# Modeling & Prompting



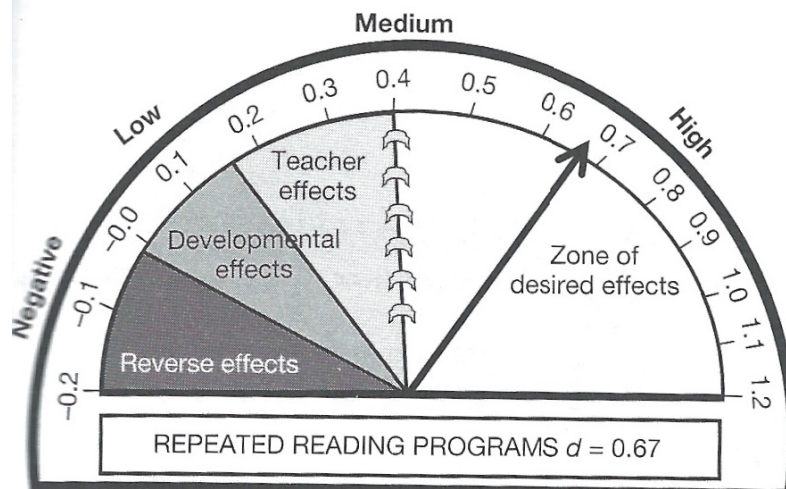
- Modeling
  - Show how and describe why
  - Think aloud
- Verbal Prompts
  - Clear statements that act as reminders
  - Delivered in contexts where failure is predictable
- Pre-Correction
  - Student is required to respond
  - Teacher praises or corrects student response
    - “What will you do if you need my help?”*
    - “Raise my hand.”*
    - “Exactly, good for you!”*



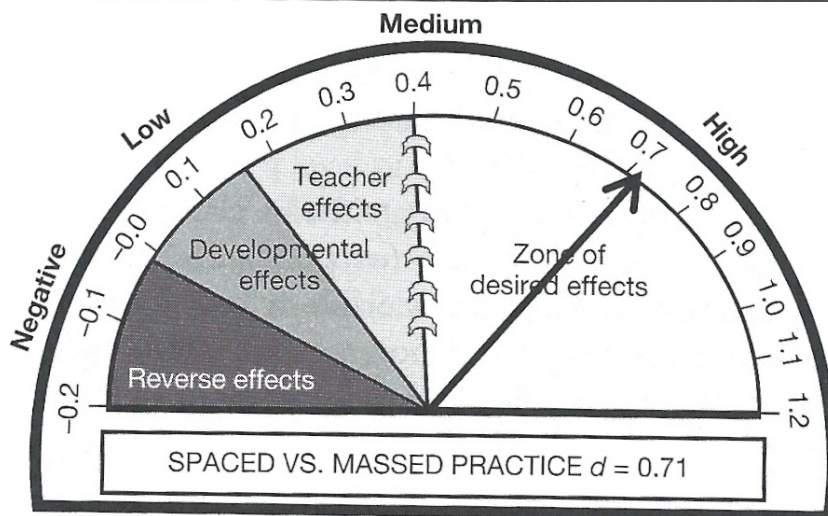
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# Fluency Building

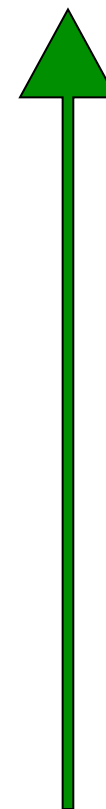
Strategies that build fluency through repetition have strong effects in terms of predicting student success



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Standard error	0.080 (High)
Rank	16th
Number of meta-analyses	2
Number of studies	54
Number of effects	156
Number of people (0)	na



KEY	
Standard error	na
Rank	12th
Number of meta-analyses	2
Number of studies	63
Number of effects	112
Number of people (0)	na





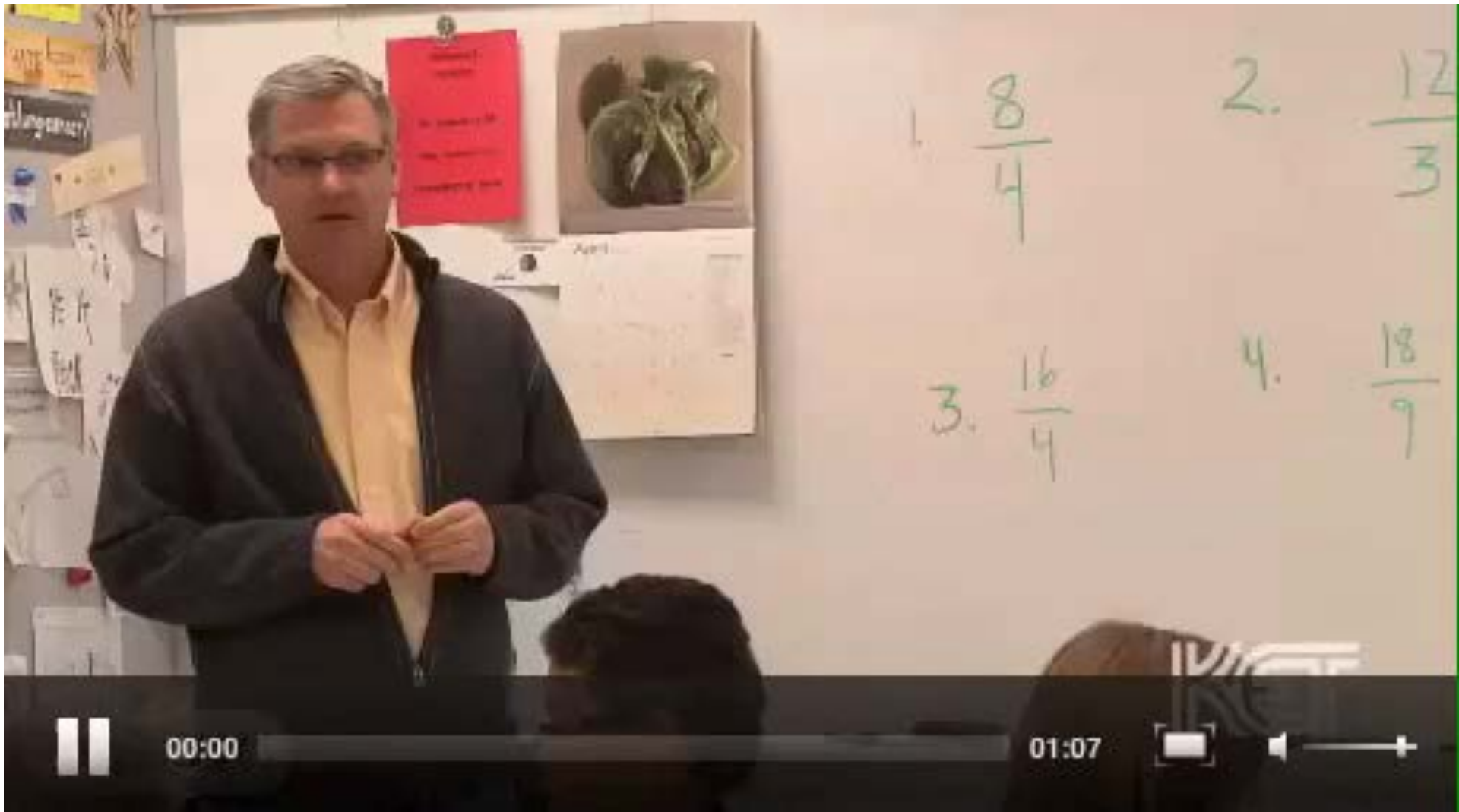
# Engagement

Teachers create engagement through teaching

- **Opportunities to Respond**
  - Group (choral) or individual responses
  - Closed or open ended questions
  - Raise hand to indicate agreement
  - Create and share
  - Demonstrate
- **Active Attention Recruitment**
  - Connect to student lives
  - Personal storied
  - Genuine interest and encouragement



# Variable Modes of OTR



# Rural Poverty Schools and Effective Instruction



	$\tau_{00}$ Between- school variance	$\sigma^2$ Within-school variance	$\tau_{00}/(\tau_{00}+\sigma^2)$ ICC	Reliability estimate
Group OTR	0.033***	0.603	0.051	.557
Individual OTR	0.001	0.134	0.009	.182
Positive feedback	0.000	0.028	0.008	.16
Negative feedback	0.000**	0.004	0.033	.443

Note. ICC = Intraclass Correlation Coefficient.

\* $p < .05$ . \*\* $p < .01$ . \*\*\* $p < .001$ .

- Group OTR predictive of academic achievement
- Negative Feedback predictive of school suspension
- Differences across schools are at the teacher level

(Hirn, Hollo, & Scott, in review)

# Recommended Practice: OTR

- CEC (1987)

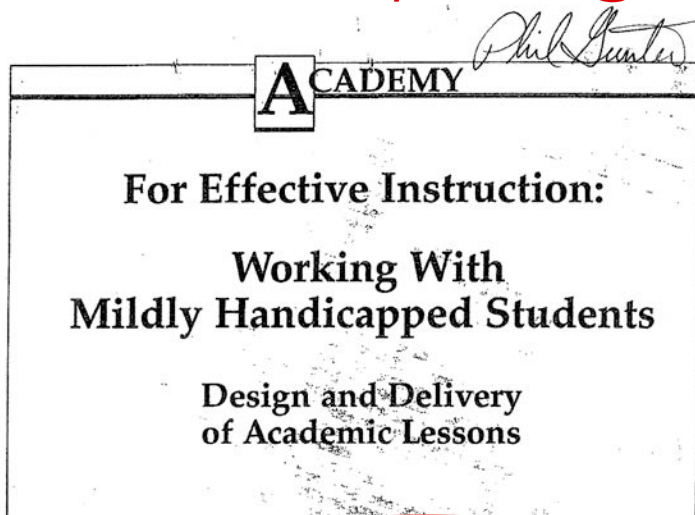
Acquisition 4-6 per min @ 80%

Drill 8-12 per min @ 90%

- See positive effects on student engagement at 3 per minute

- If student responds

(Haydon, Mancil, & Van Loan, 2009; Partin, Robertson, Maggin, Oliver & Wehby, 2010; Sutherland, Alder & Gunter, 2003)

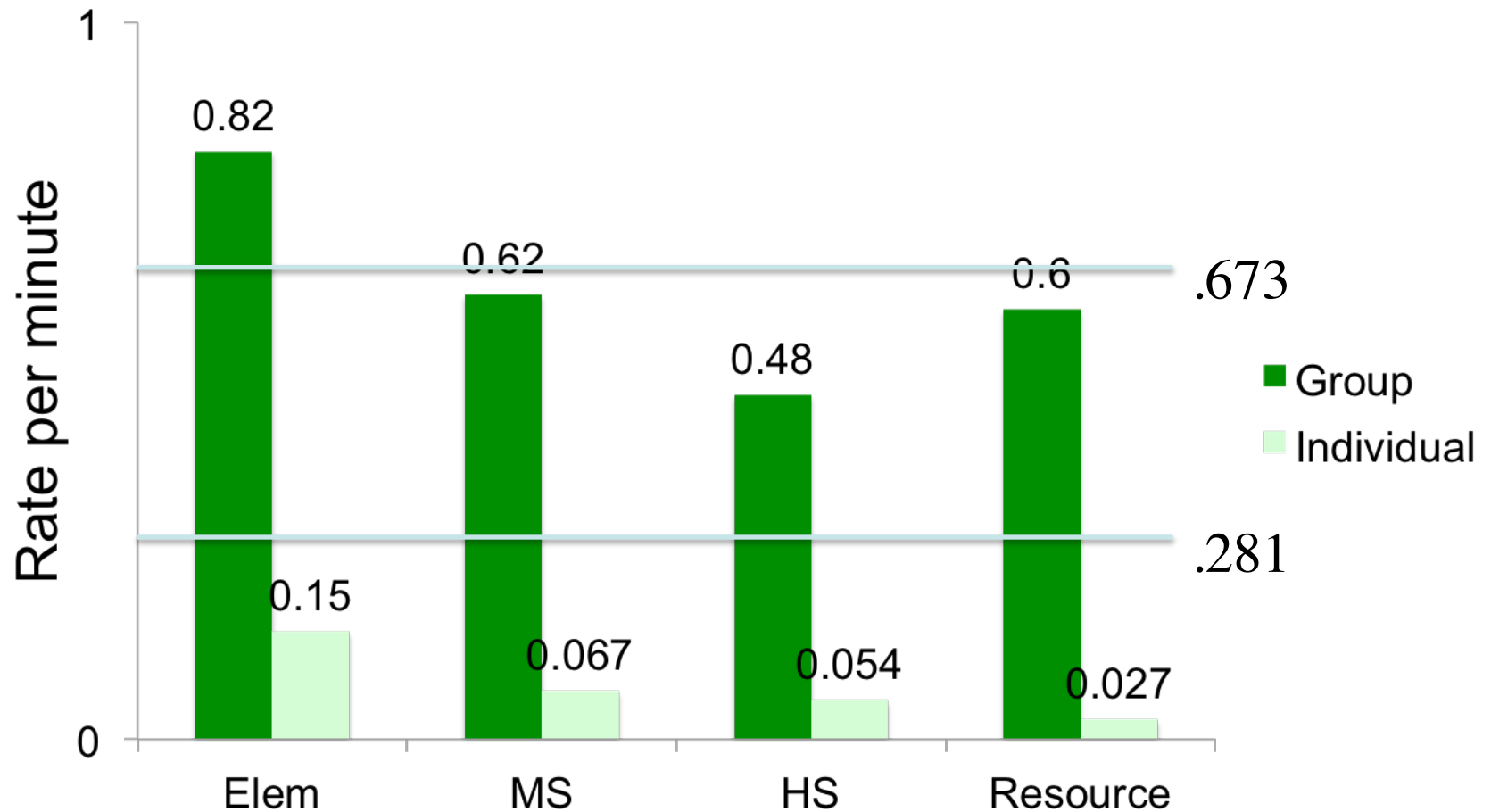


General guidelines for determining whether a sufficient number of responses have been elicited:

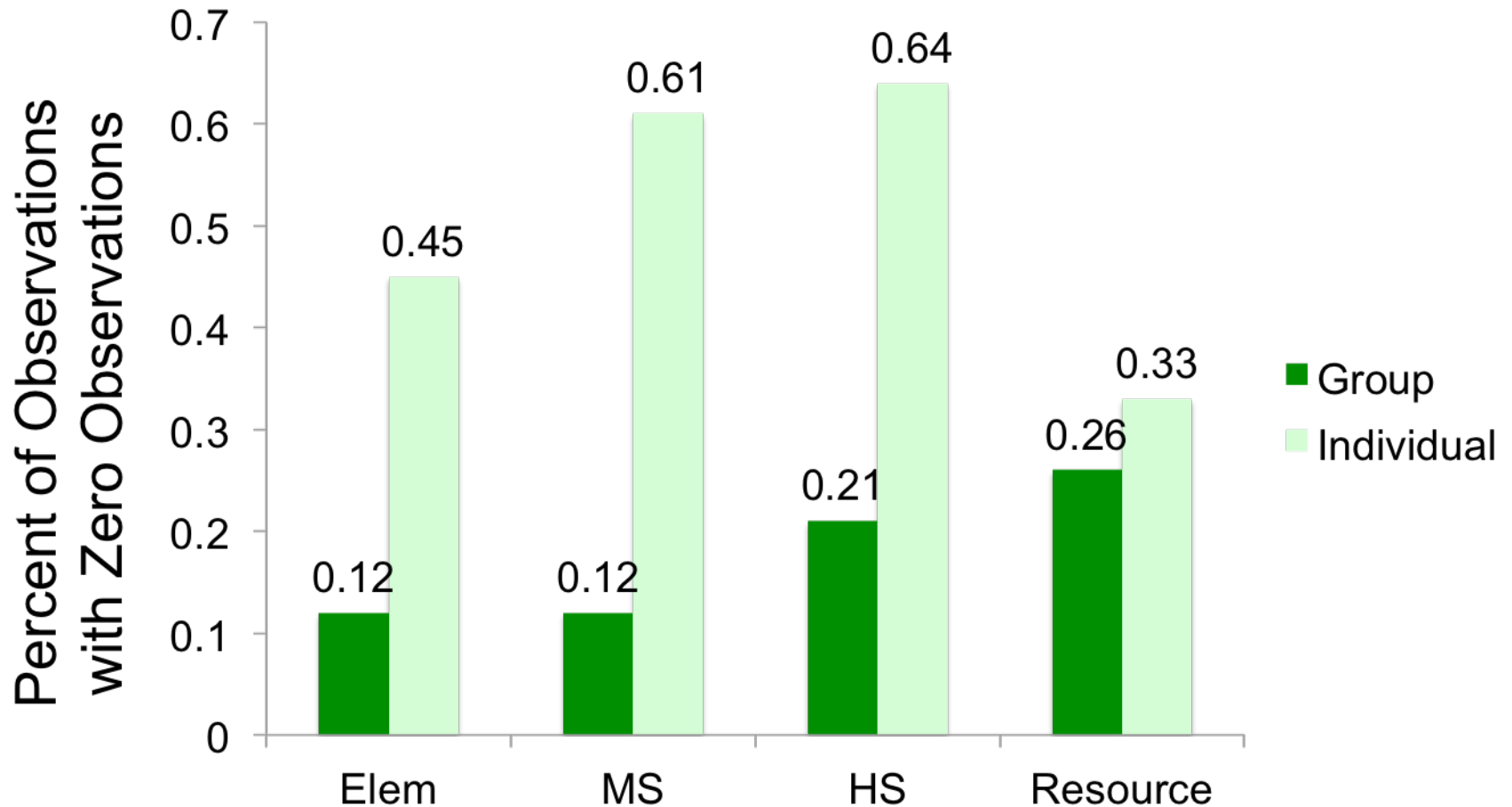
- initial or new learning: 4 - 6 responses in a minute with 80% accuracy
- drill: 8 - 12 responses in a minute with 90% accuracy
- distribution should be equal across students.



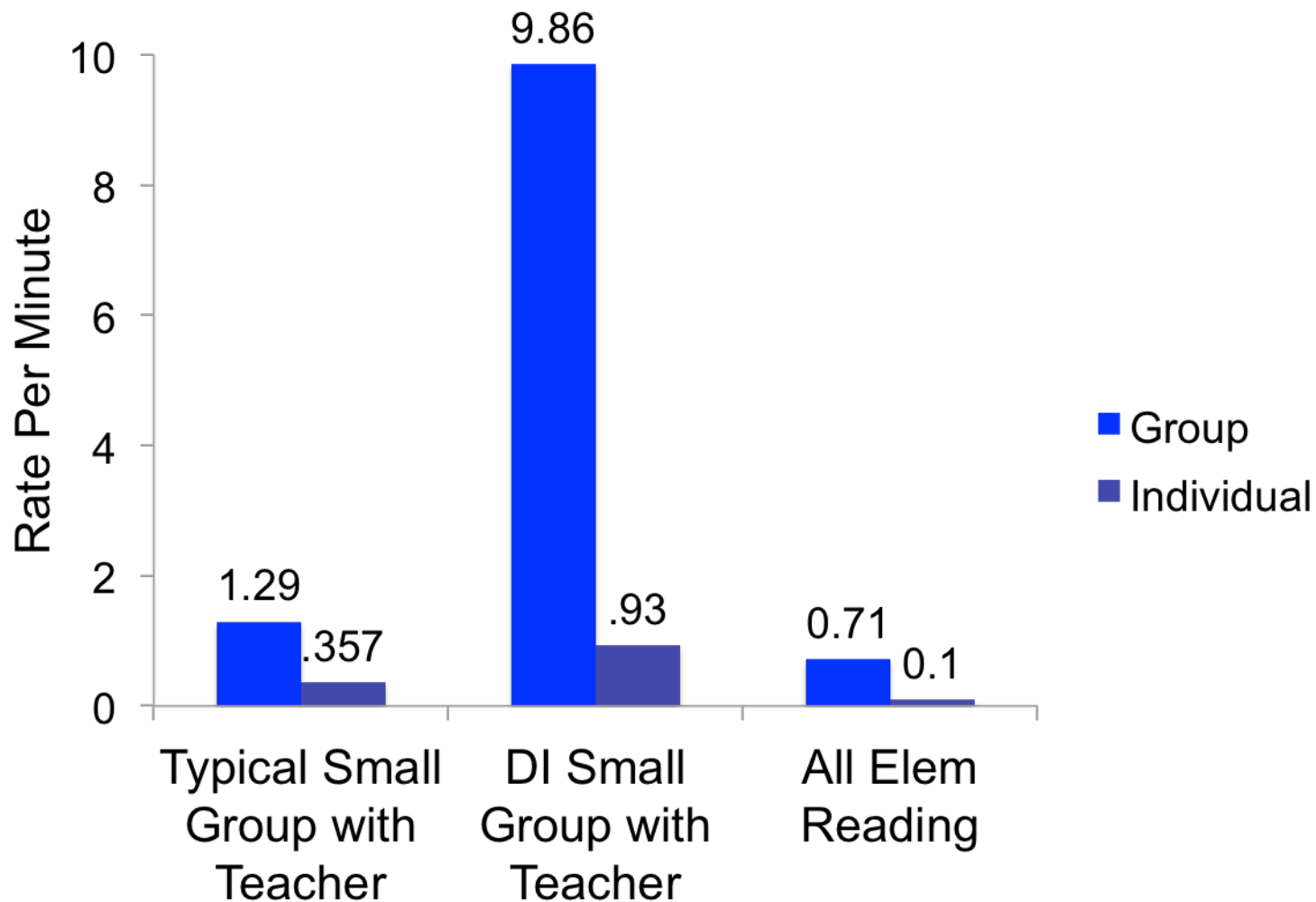
# Opportunities to Respond



# OTR – Zero Rates



## Comparison: Typical & DI



# Extrapolating Across the School Year

## OTR

Assuming 5 hour school day, 20 day school month, and 180 day school year

Minimum Recommended Rate = 3 per min	OTR Rate per min			Number of OTRs Below Minimum Recommended Rate				
	Grp.	Ind.	Total	Per min	Per Hour	Per Day	Per Month	Per Year
Elementary	.82	.15	.97	-2.03	-121.8	-609	-12,180	-109,620
Middle School	.62	.06	.68	-2.32	-139.2	-696	-13,920	-125,280
High School	.48	.05	.53	-2.47	-148.2	-741	-14,820	-133,380 0

Definition of OTR (group and individual):

*Teacher provides a curriculum relevant opportunity to respond that is that is directed to the individual or to the whole class or small group that includes the target student. Must be instruction related and not a social question, a question*



# Recommended Practice: Feedback

- The field at large recommends somewhere between 3 and 6 positive to every 1 negative

(Gable, Hester, Rock, & Hughes, 2009; Kerr & Nelson, 2006; Nafpaktitis, Mayer, & Butterworth, 1985; Scott, Anderson, & Alter, 2011; Stichter et al., 2009; Walker, Ramsey, & Gresham, 2004)

- Mental health (Fredrickson & Losada, 2005)

- 2.5 : 1 predicts normal functioning
- 4.3 : 1 predicts optimal functioning
- Tipping point seems to be 2.9 : 1

4:1 ?

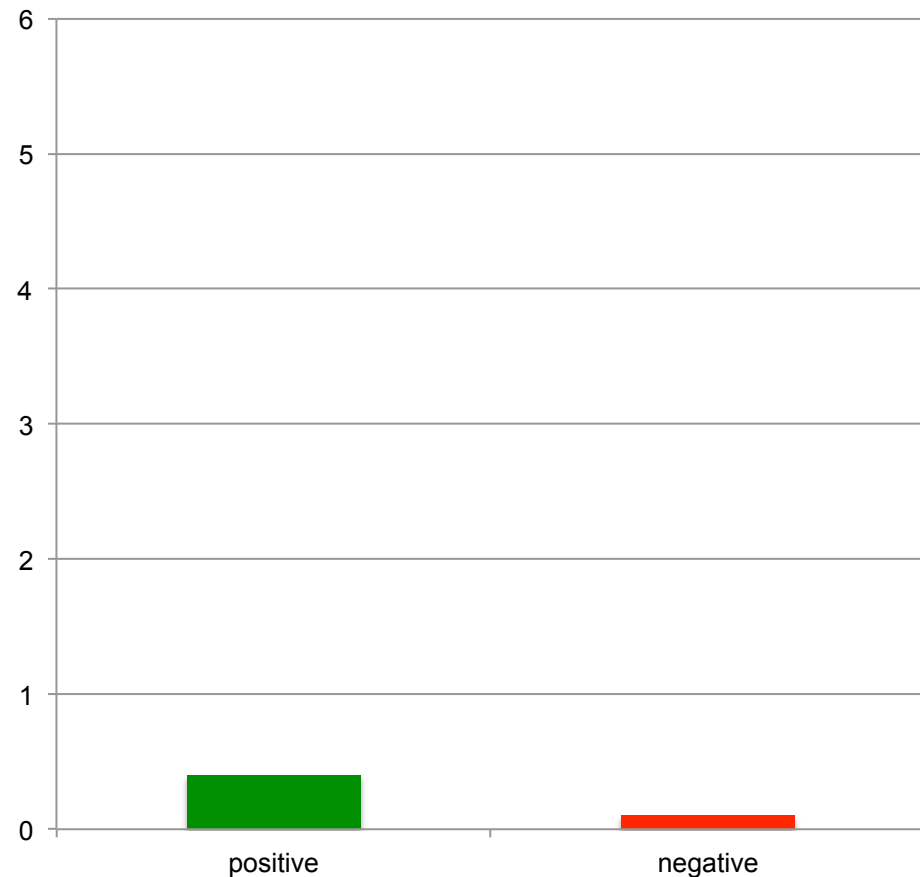
- Marriage (Gottman, 1994)

- Flourishing marriage 4.7:1 actions; 5.1:1 speech
- Poor marriage .7:1 actions; .9:1 speech

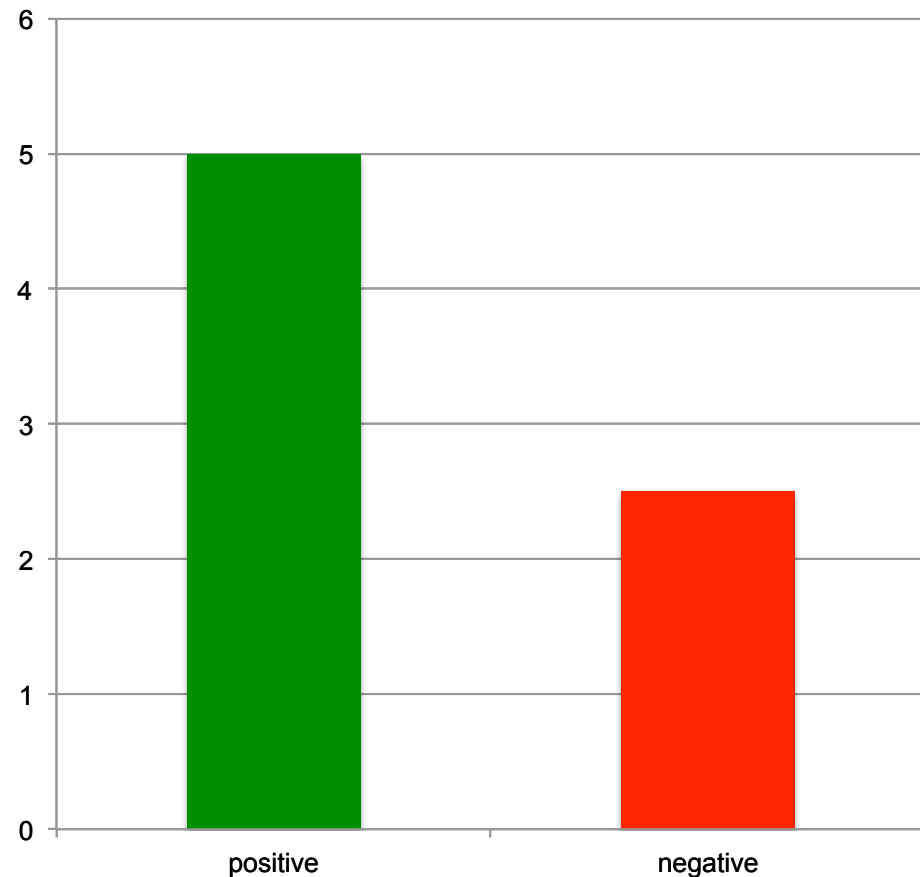
# What About Frequency?

Which rate per/min ratio would you rather have in a Classroom?

**4 : 1**



**2 : 1**



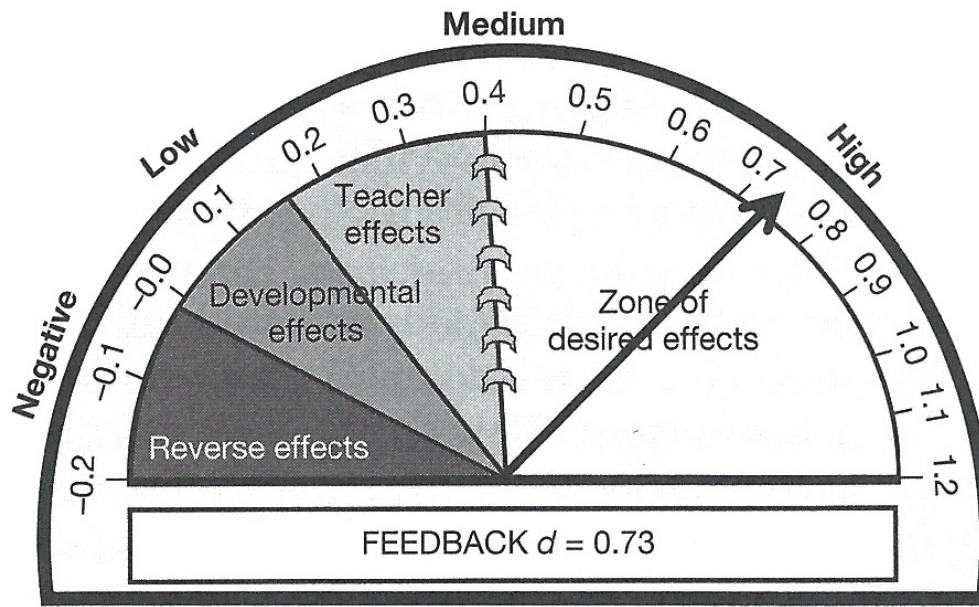
# Classroom Concept #4

**PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH REGULAR  
FEEDBACK ON THEIR PERFORMANCE**

# Effect Size

## Feedback

Simple feedback on performance – formative and summative – is one of the most effective components of instruction



KEY	
Standard error	0.061 (Medium)
Rank	10th
Number of meta-analyses	23
Number of studies	1,287
Number of effects	2,050
Number of people (10)	67,931

# Acknowledgement!

**Big Idea:** Students need feedback to know whether they are right or wrong – teachers must provide it



# Acknowledge Success

- Level 1: Verbal Praise
  - Age appropriate
    - “thanks” “I appreciate” “I’m impressed” etc.
  - Delivered with specificity “you did XX correctly”
  - Mix up use of superlatives
    - Exactly, super, awesome, perfect, thank you, etc

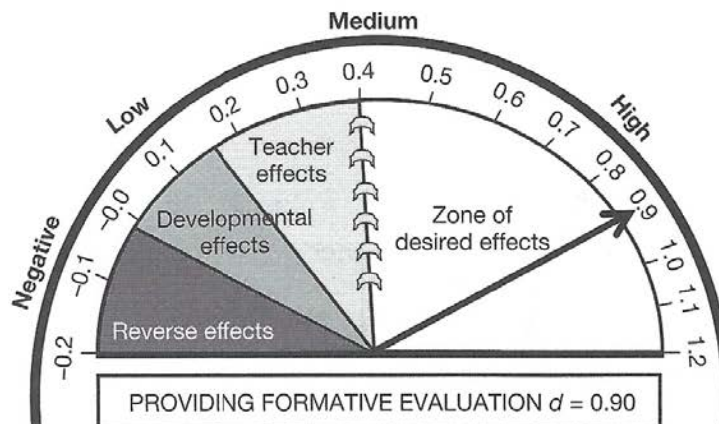




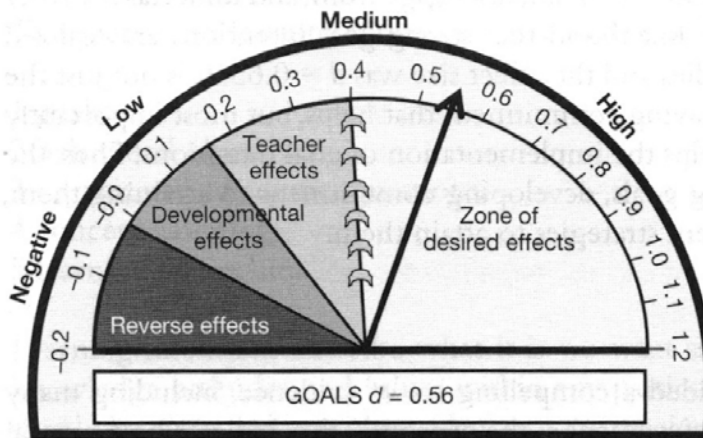
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# Assessment and Goal Setting

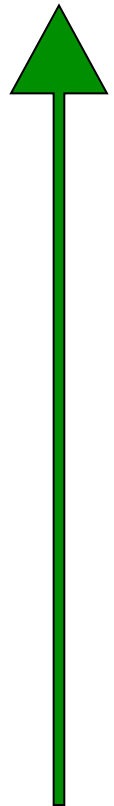
Frequent formative assessment based on instruction (CBA) with attention to student goal-setting has strong effects



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Standard error	0.079 (Medium)
Rank	3rd
Number of meta-analyses	2
Number of studies	30
Number of effects	78
Number of people (1)	3,835



KEY	
Standard error	0.057 (Medium)
Rank	34th
Number of meta-analyses	11
Number of studies	604
Number of effects	820
Number of people (7)	41,342



# Acknowledge Errors with Correction

## 1. Feedback that behavior is inappropriate

- *“is that the right way?”*
- *“is there a better way?”*
- *“are you being respectful – why not?”*

## 2. Re-teach appropriate behavior

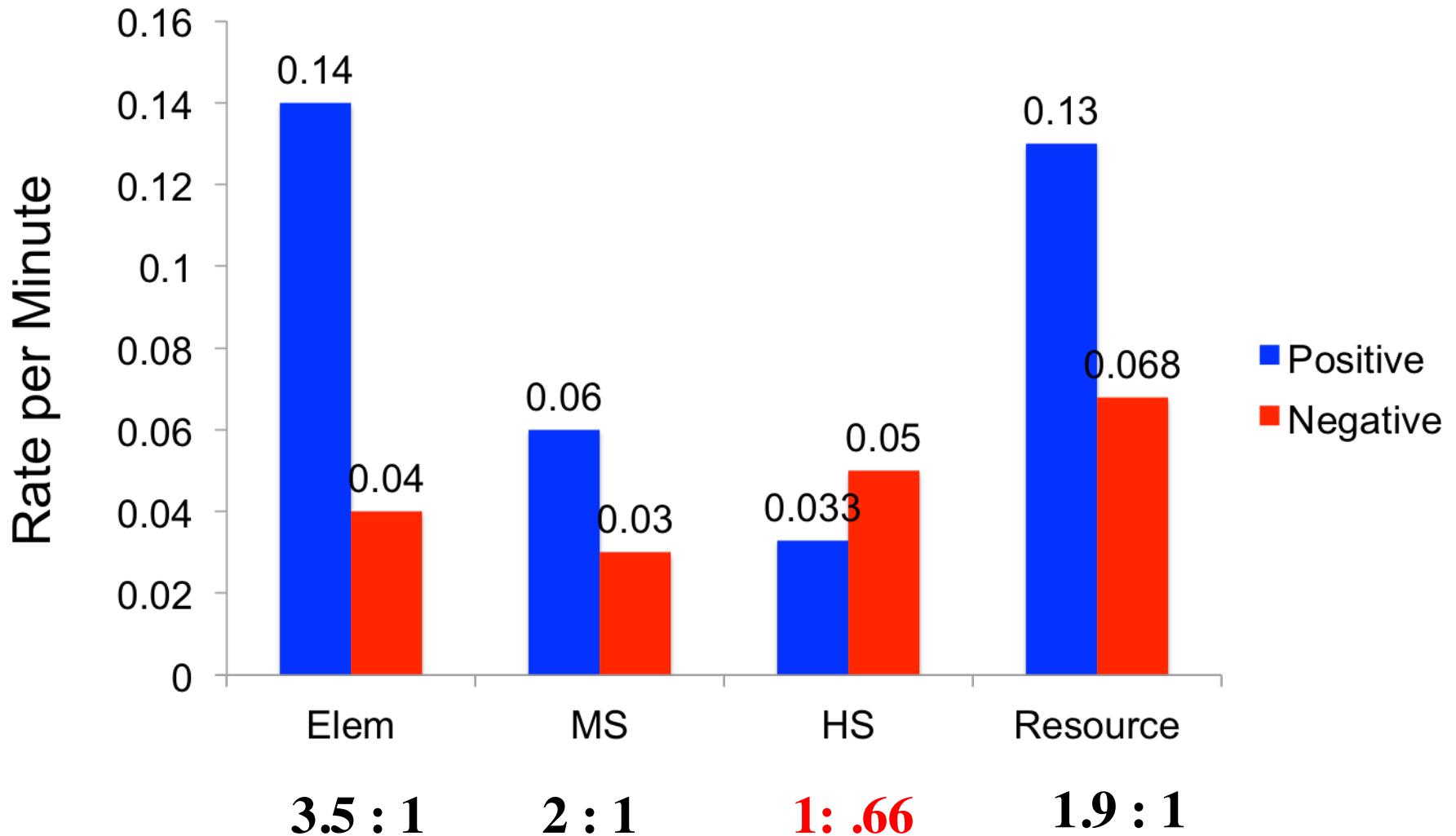
- *“what is a better way?”*
- *“what would it look like if it was done better?”*
- *“what is a more respectful behavior?”*

## 3. Facilitate success with positive feedback

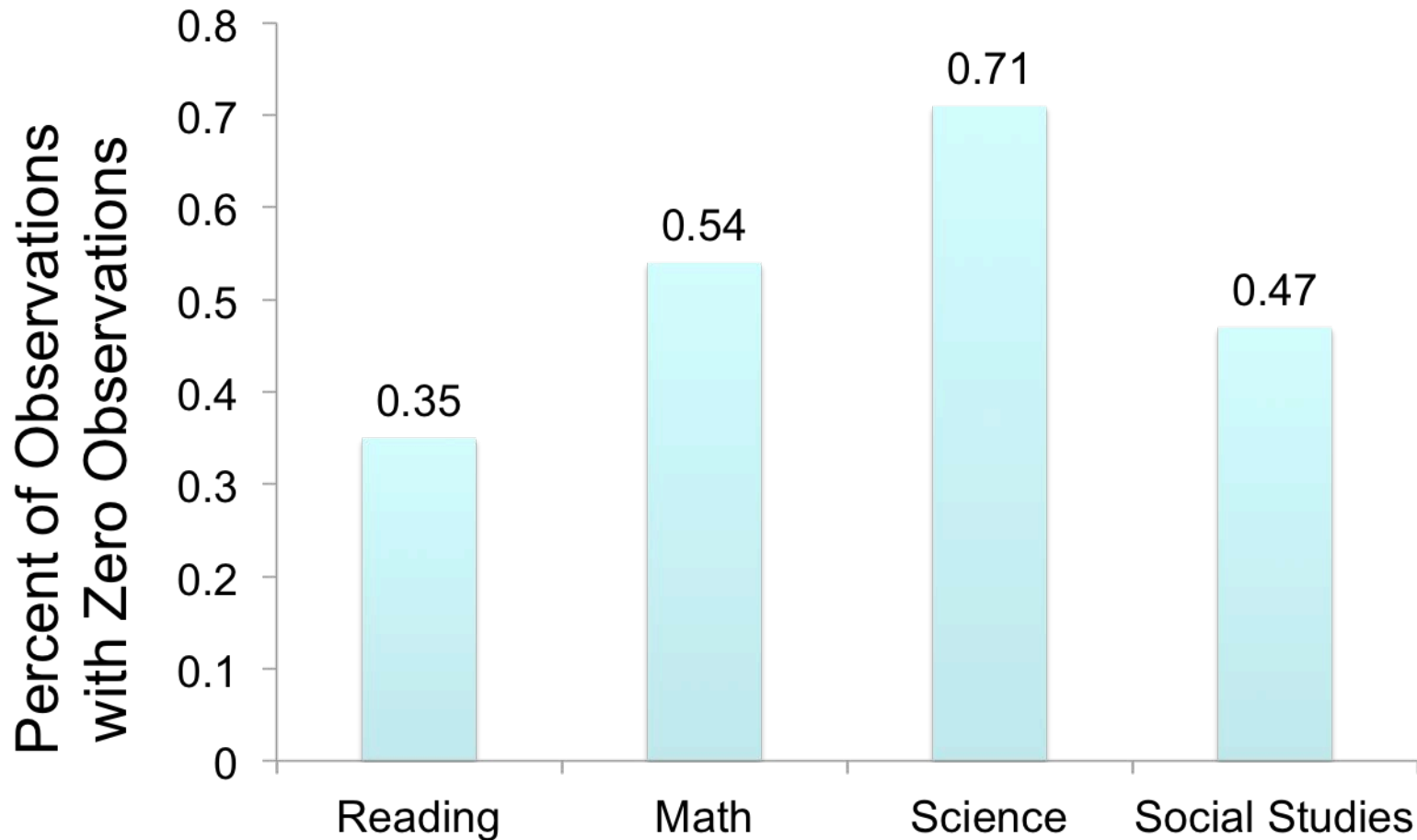
- *“Show me that --- thanks – remember to do that.”*



# Feedback

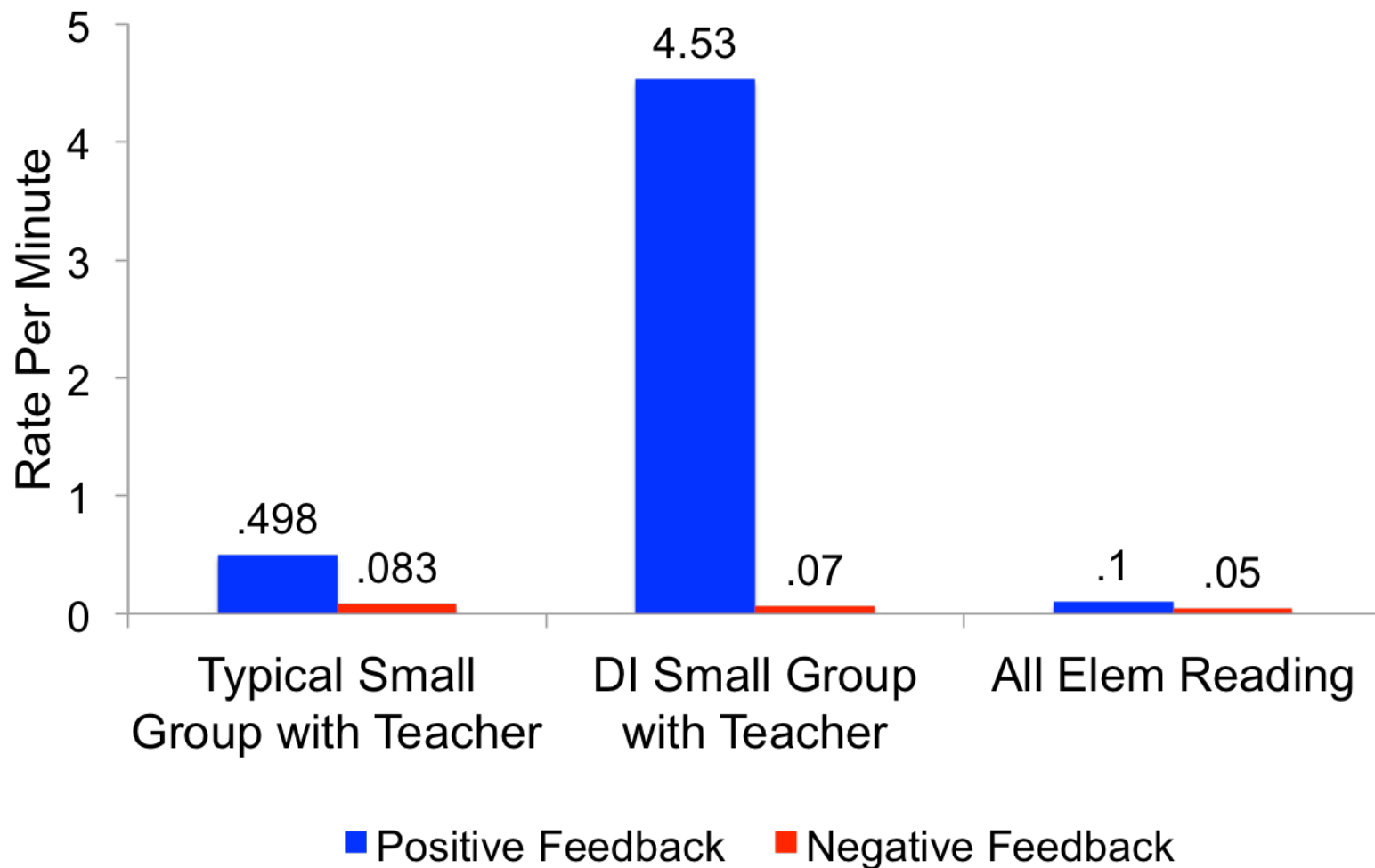


# Positive Feedback – Zero Rates



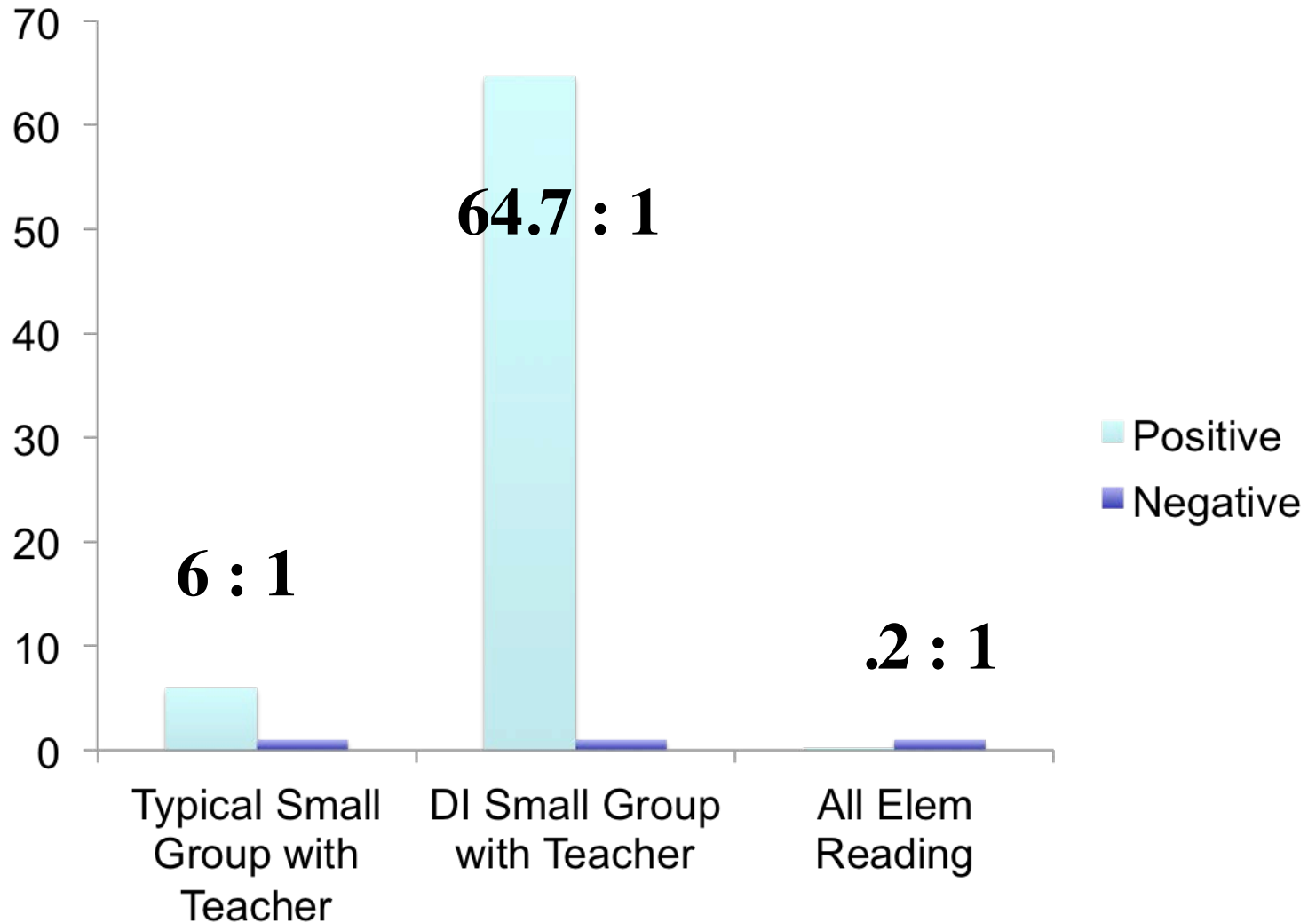
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## Feedback: Rate



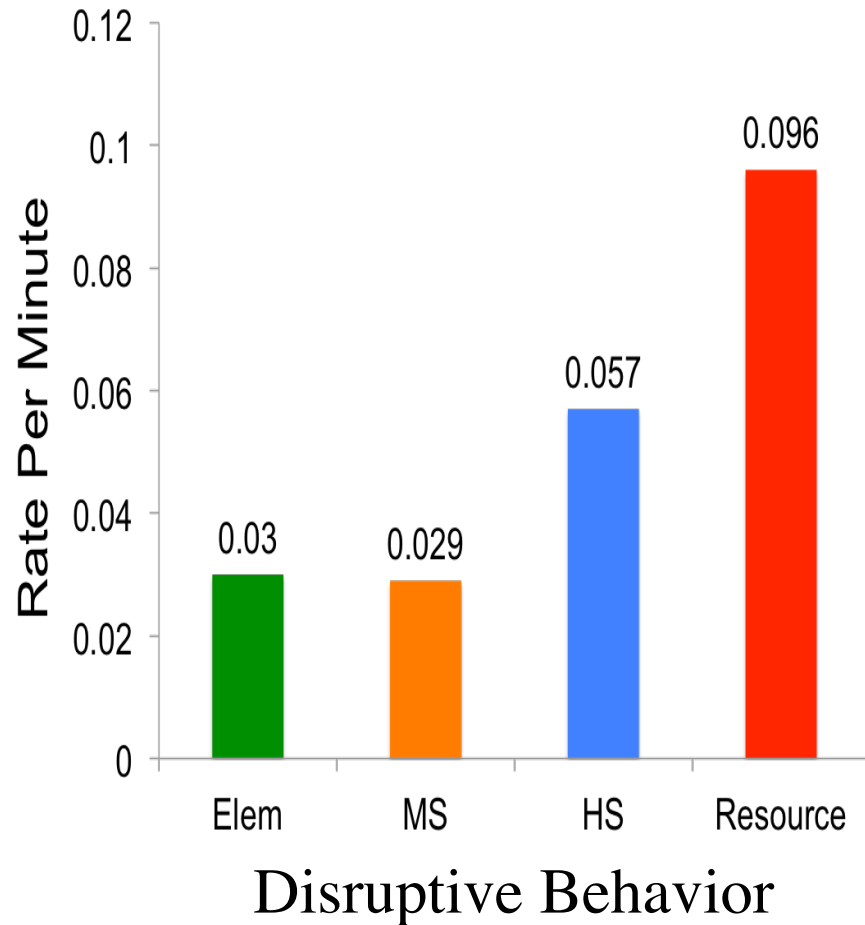
# Feedback: Ratio

## Comparison: Typical & DI





# Effects are Real



Students with teachers using the least amount of OTR and Feedback in the classroom are more than **27% more likely to be off task** and more than **67% more likely to be disruptive**

# Extrapolating Across the School Year

## **Feedback**

Assuming 5 hour school day, 20 day school month, and 180 day school year

Minimum recommended positive to negative ratio of 3:1	Feedback Rate per min		Positive Feedback Deficit compared to Recommended 3:1 Ratio (.05 neg/min)				
	Pos.	Neg.	Per Min	Per Hour	Per Day	Per Month	Per Year
Elementary	.14	.04	-.02	-1.2	-6	-120	-1080
Middle School	.06	.03	-.03	-1.8	-9	-180	-1,620
High School	.03	.05	-.12	-7.2	-36	-720	-6,480

Definition of Feedback (positive and negative):

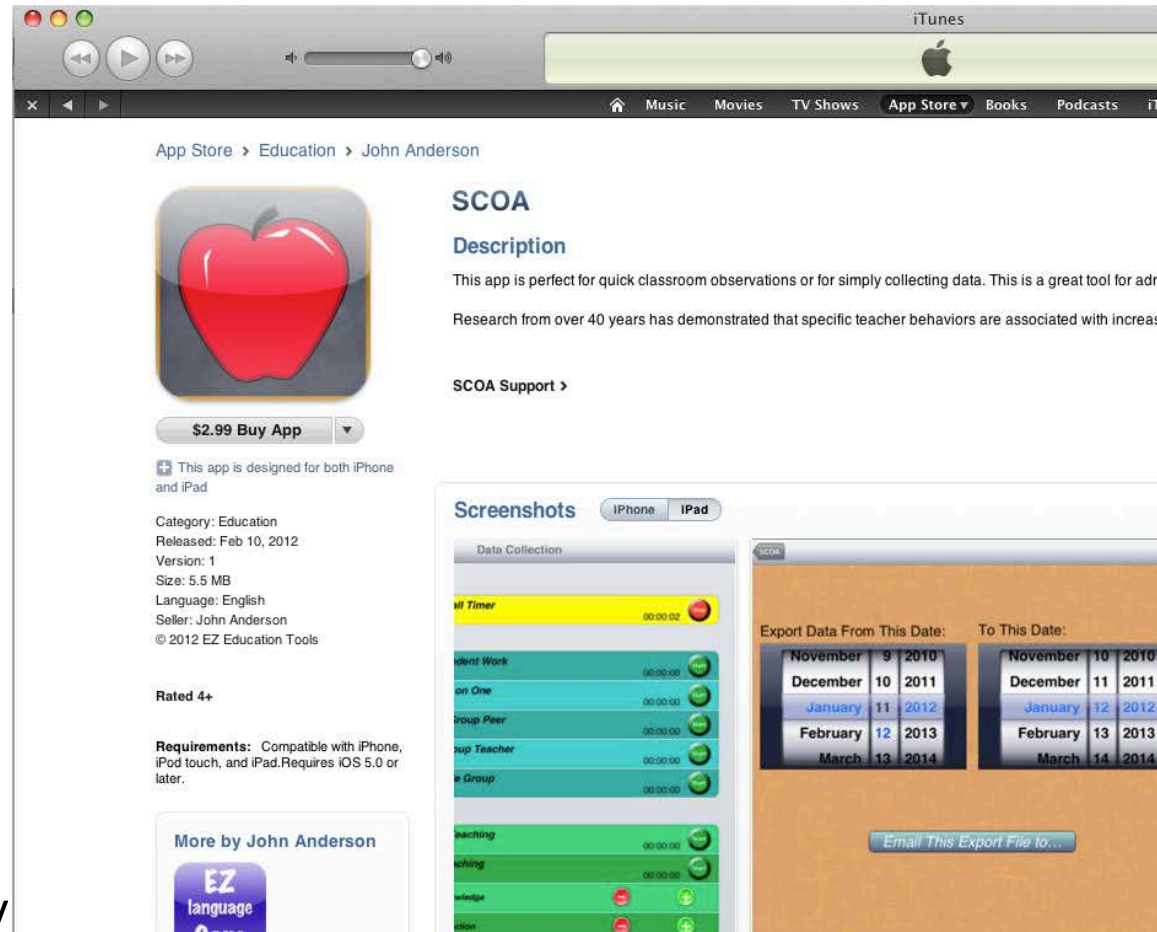
*Teacher gives the class or individual student specific feedback on an academic or social behavior that indicates the behavior/response is correct or incorrect. Does not include correction (negative feedback with re-teaching)*



# SCOA iPad Application

*School/Classroom Observation & Evaluation*

- Includes all effective instruction codes for teachers and students
- New codes may be added
- Duration and frequency data
- Includes walk-through assessment component
- Generates graphs (export)
- Facilitates repeated observations of same teacher/context/student
- Data can be dumped into Excel or SPSS for reliability calculations and complex analyses
- Continuing updates

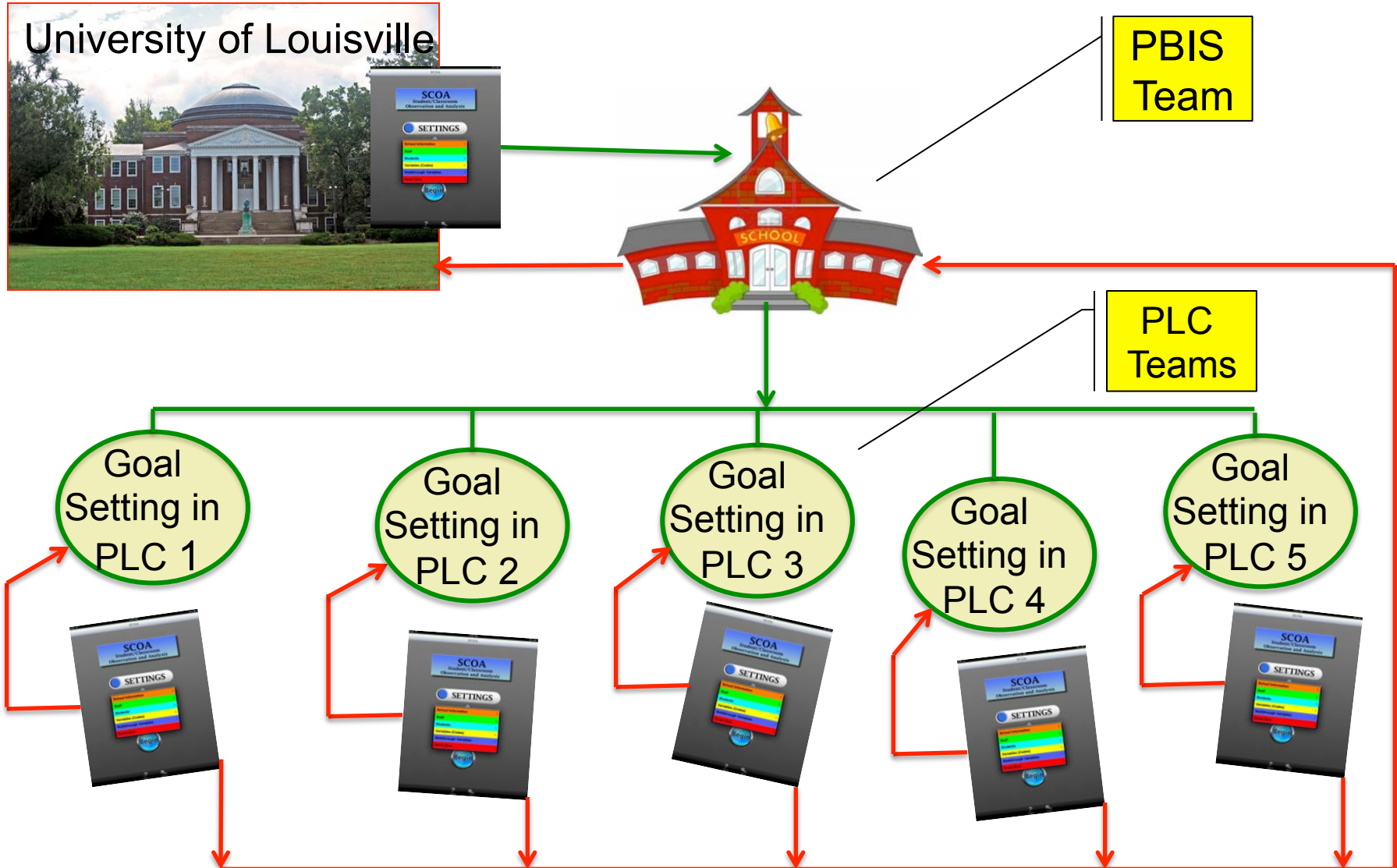


Developed and sold by John Anderson – Vernal Middle School, Vernal, Utah

Full User Manual Available Free Online

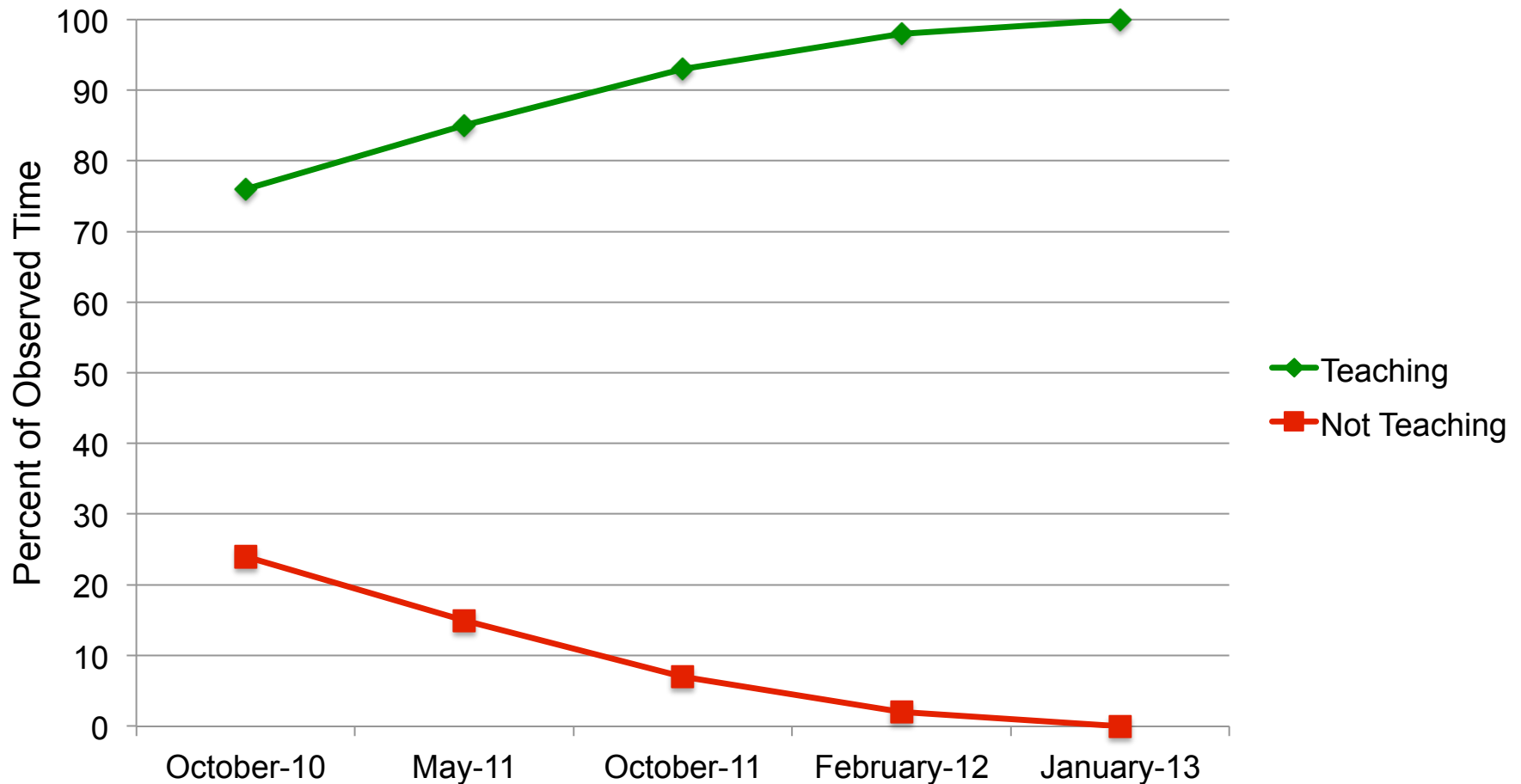
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# Changing Teaching Behavior



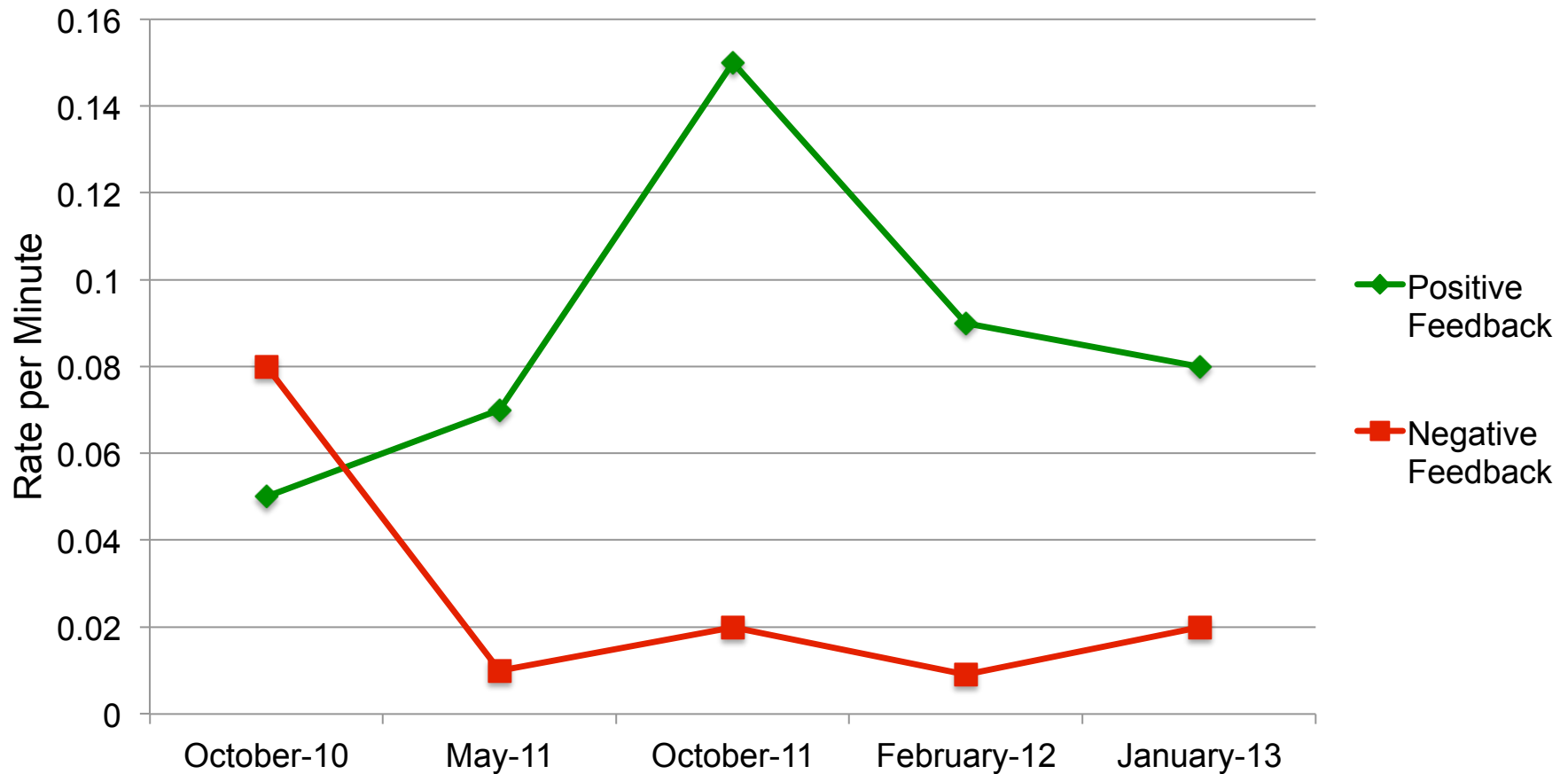
# Change in Teaching

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# Change in Feedback

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