Importance of Tier 1

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Big Ideas

- Tier 1 includes all students.
- A strong Tier 1 is essential to efforts to improve achievement.
- Universal screening information can inform Tier 1 improvement efforts.

What is Tier 1?

What: State Standards

How: Evidence-based instructional strategies; common materials; differentiated instruction

Who: All students

Tier 1 = Universal Tier = Core

Turn to a Neighbor

Take turns giving reasons it is important to have a strong Tier 1.

Rationale

- It’s where the resources are!
- Preventing learning gaps is easier than closing them.
- Allows for more intense interventions.
- All students’ outcomes improve with a strong universal tier.

Big Idea 1:
Tier 1 includes all students

All Students

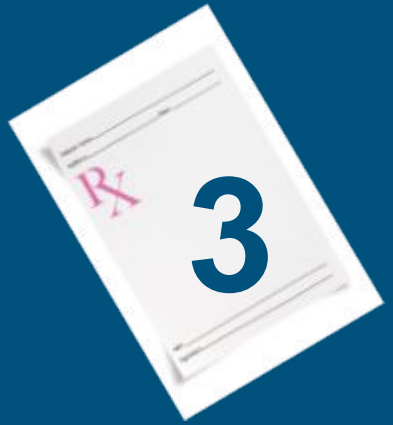
If Tier 1 is about the state standards, even students with IEPs are working toward those standards.

Specially Designed Instruction

Specially designed instruction (SDI) means adapting, as appropriate, to the needs of an eligible child under this part, the content, methodology, or delivery of instruction to address the unique needs of a child that results from the child's disability; and to ensure access of the child to the general curriculum, **so that he or she can meet the educational standards adopted by the State**.

IDEA Section 300.39(b)(3)

Tiers of Supports



Big Idea 2:
A strong Tier 1 is essential to efforts to improve achievement.

Think About Resources

1. Are most of the teachers in your school general education teachers, or interventionists and special educators?
2. For most students who need additional support, is most of their time spent in the general education setting or in intervention and/or special education settings?

Approaches to Improvement

Intensifying Tier 1

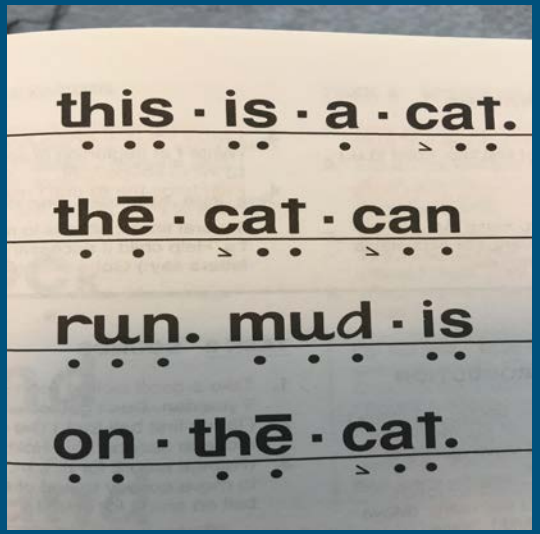
- Classwide intervention
- Evidence-based instructional routines

Providing Access to Tier 2

- Schedule
- Which students to target?
- Schedule
- Ensure instructional match
- Monitor student progress

Impact of Frequency and Duration on a 10 week Intervention

3 Lessons/Week



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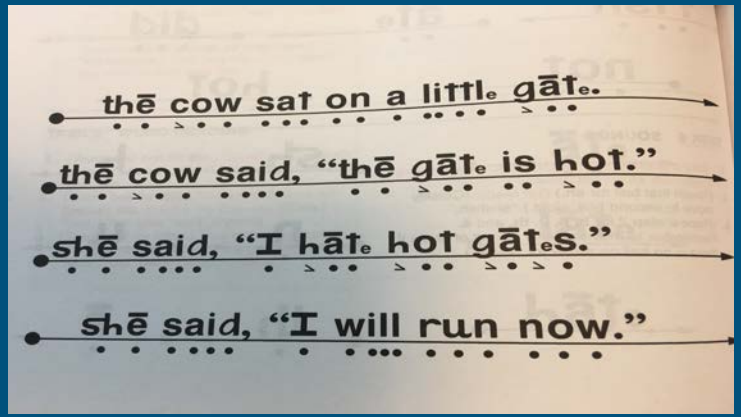

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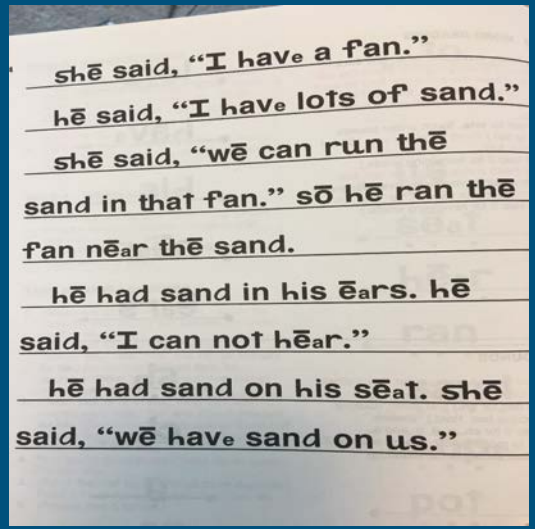


Big Idea 3: Universal screening information can inform Tier 1 improvement efforts

Student vs System Data Use

Questions We Answer

Student

- Which students are at-risk readers?
- Which students show additional needs in math?
- What intervention matches this student's needs?

System

- Is our Tier 1 sufficient?
- What skills are most students struggling with?

Ways to Consider Tier 1 Data

Level and **Growth**

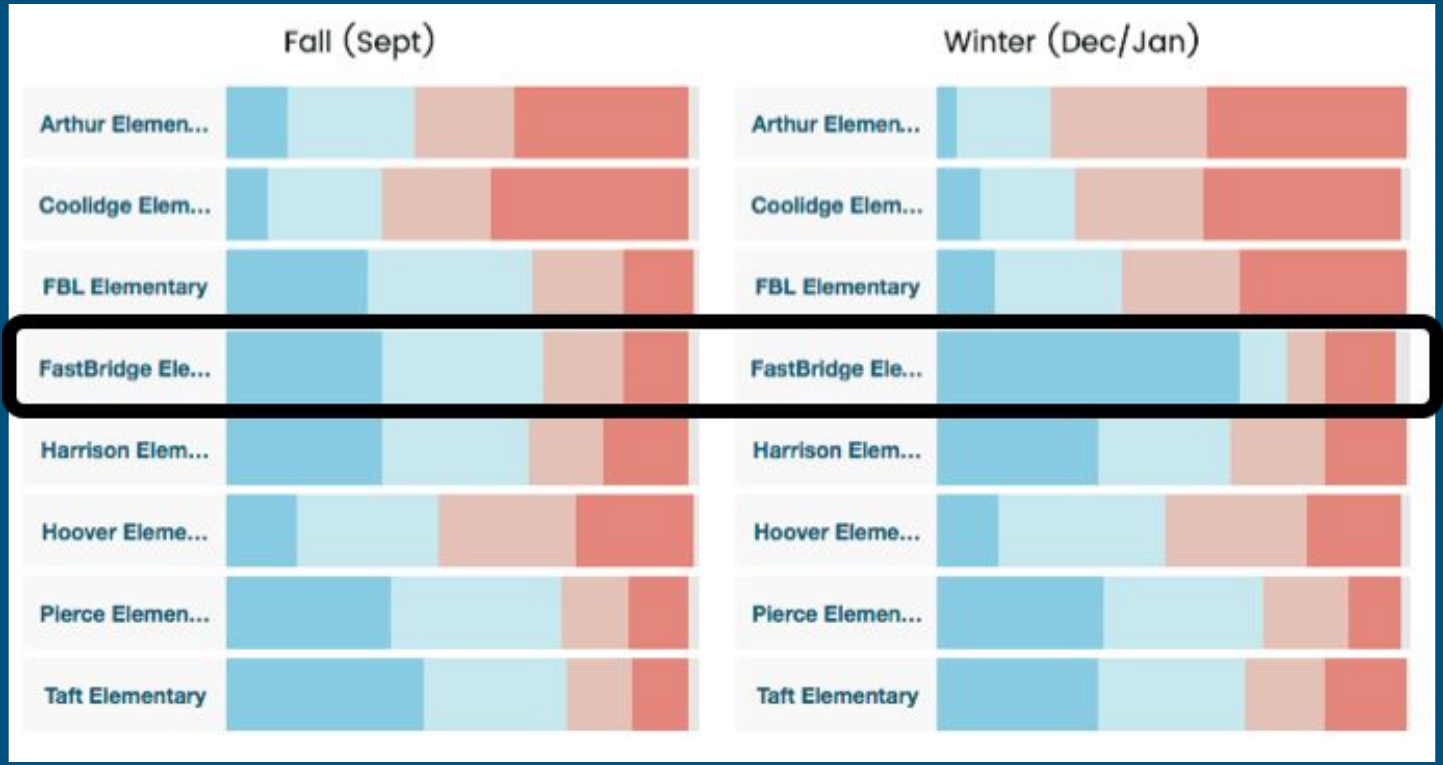
Level

What percentage of students meet benchmark targets?

Strong Tier 1

At least 80% of students meet Tier 1 targets.

Level Comparisons



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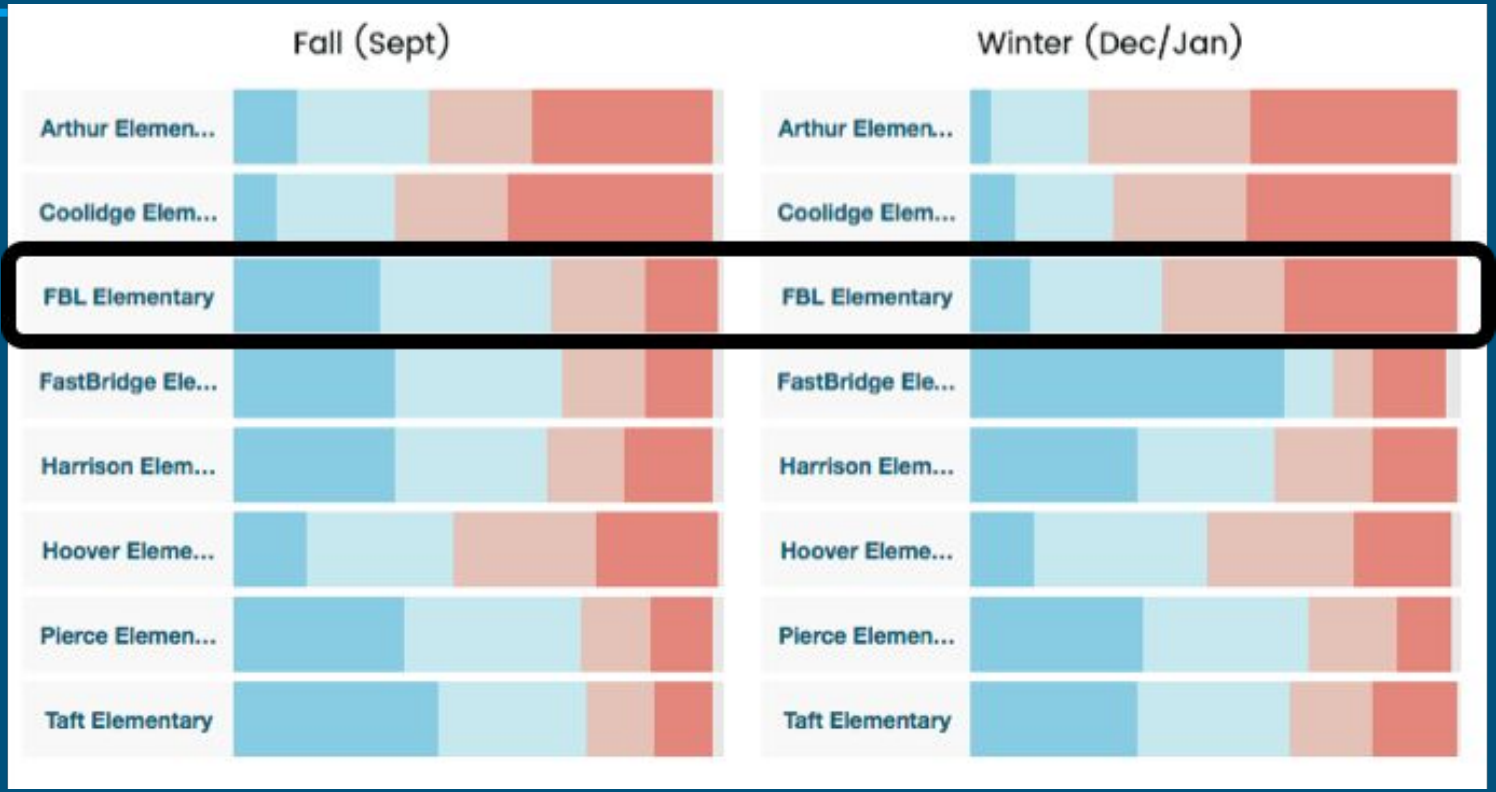

Growth

Looking only at students who met the fall benchmark target, what percentage met the spring benchmark target?

Strong Tier 1

At least 95% of students who met the fall target meet the spring target.

Growth Comparisons

Reflect

Big Ideas

1. *Tier 1 includes all students.*
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- Which of the big ideas are strengths for your school?
- Which are areas for growth?

Revisit the Big Ideas

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Thank You