

Unpacking the SLO Guide

Part 6 - Progress Monitoring

Purpose: To measure student progress throughout the year to ensure desired student growth. *Progress monitoring is a scientifically based practice that is used to assess students' academic performance and evaluate the effectiveness of instruction.*

Guiding Questions:

- What instructional strategies will you use to address both SLOs?
- Do you require additional training or resources? (See Part 5 PD and Resources)
- How and when will you monitor progress towards your SLOs throughout the year?
 - Have students mastered the skill?
 - Did the students meet the student growth target?
 - How does my checkpoint data compare with the baseline data?
- How and when will you involve your students, colleagues, parents and community?

How to:

- Review your pre-assessment data for both SLOs.
- Develop a plan to ensure that students who are newly enrolled, absent or have schedule changes are given a pre-assessment
- Develop a plan for how you will monitor student progress throughout the year
 - Set target dates for checkpoints
 - Use research based instructional strategies to plan your lessons.
 - Gather student data by monitoring student understanding throughout the year (for example: anecdotes, warm-ups, exit slips, short assessments, graphic organizers, student conferences, etc.)
 - Consider how much data you need to gather to know students have achieved growth.
 - Following the target dates you set for the year, review, reflect and adjust instruction based on checkpoint results to meet the needs of all students.
- Your SLO post assessment is an assessment of learning during the testing window at the end of the school year.

Materials/Resources:

- Grade level or content area team
- Veteran teachers and mentors
- Instructional coach/RtI Specialist
- Educational journal and books
- Educational websites
 - Curriculum-Based Measurement Warehouse
<http://www.interventioncentral.org/htmldocs/interventions/cbmwarehouse.php>
 - National Center on Student Progress Monitoring <http://www.studentprogress.org/>

Required Documentation/Product(s):

No required documentation

This is the most important step toward achieving your Student Growth Target. Using progress monitoring will allow you to make more informed instructional decisions for students and provide your team with common language when planning your next steps throughout the school year.