

Instructional Framework

What is an Instructional Framework?

An instructional framework provides a structure that helps teachers design and deliver effective instruction. The framework also identifies the key components that facilitate quality teaching, so that teachers, school administrators, and district staff can recognize and talk about instruction using a common language.

Why an Instructional Framework?



Purpose of an Instructional Framework in Davie County Schools

- Consistency in communication of expectations.
- Common language to support collaboration around high quality instruction.

Framing Questions

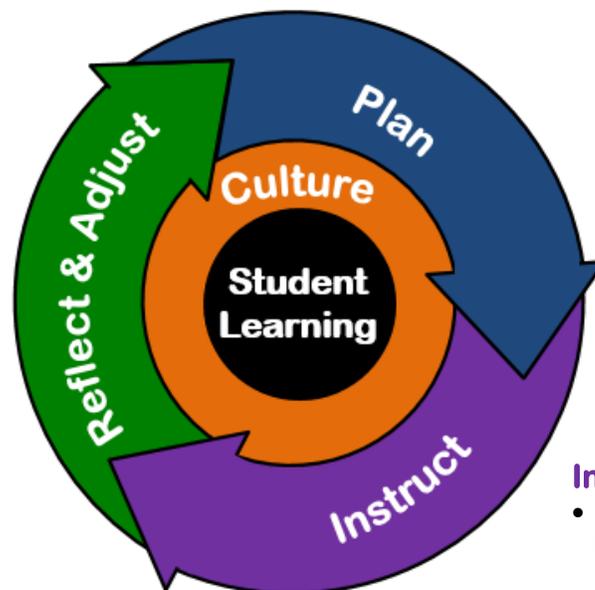
1. What do we want our students to learn and be able to do?
2. How will we know students are learning?
3. How will we respond when students do not learn?
4. How will we respond when students have learned?

Reflect & Adjust

- Collaboratively analyze assessment results and reflect on instructional practices.
- Provide meaningful feedback to students.
- Modify instruction in response to data.

Culture

- Communicate high expectations for all students.
- Promote positive working relationships through a growth mindset and collaboration.



Plan

- Align instruction and assessments to the NC Standard Course of Study.
- Work collaboratively to design engaging lessons using a variety of data sources. Organize, plan, and set goals that meet the needs of the individual student and the class.
- Incorporate instructional strategies and processes that engage all students in learning.

Instruct

- Apply strategies and deliver lessons, which align to the NC Standard Course of Study.
- Incorporate engagement strategies to promote student learning.
- Monitor student learning and adjust instruction to address individual learning needs.

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Domains	Concepts	Actions	Evidences
Plan What do we want our students to learn and be able to do? How will we know students are learning?	Standards Alignment	Align curriculum, instruction, and assessments to the NC Standard Course of Study.	Standards alignment takes place during regularly scheduled PLCs (school or district level) in order to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> understand the rigor of the standard; clarify what students are expected to know, understand and be able to do; plan with the end in mind; establish learning goals; align standards vertically. Formative and summative assessments are aligned to the skill and rigor of the standard(s) and created prior to designing the lesson.
	Lesson Design	Work collaboratively to design engaging lessons using a variety of data sources. Organize, plan, and set goals that meet the needs of the individual student and the class.	Thoughtfully prepared lesson plans include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> standards-aligned materials and resources; clear learning goals; direct instruction; student practice; checks for understanding.
	Instructional Strategies	Incorporate instructional strategies and processes that engage all students in learning.	Strategies are <ul style="list-style-type: none"> research-based; high-yield; culturally responsive; varied and based on student needs and interests.
Instruct	Focused Instruction	Apply strategies and deliver lessons, which align to the NC Standard Course of Study.	Learning goal(s) are <ul style="list-style-type: none"> aligned to standards; posted and current; clearly communicated and understood by the students. The lesson links prior and future learning to provide relevance and context. Use of time is strategic and intentional. Students make connections and are instructionally responsive.
	Engagement	Incorporate engagement strategies to promote student learning.	Students are engaged when there is <ul style="list-style-type: none"> effective classroom management which includes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> efficient and smooth transitions, clear routines, procedures, and expectations; active participation; student accountability; the 4 Cs: Critical Thinking, Creativity, Collaboration, and Communication; student ownership and responsibility of their own learning. Technology is used intentionally to maximize instruction.
	Progress Monitoring	Monitor student learning and adjust instruction to address individual learning needs.	Progress towards student mastery of learning goals is measured by formative assessments. Students self-monitor progress. Multiple opportunities provided to demonstrate standards mastery.
Reflect & Adjust How will we respond when students do not learn? How will we respond when students have learned?	Analyze Student Progress	Collaboratively analyze assessment results and reflect on instructional practices.	Formative assessment data is <ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyzed in a timely manner; used to measure standards mastery; shared with the PLC. Common formative assessments are reviewed to identify individual student needs for intervention and/or enrichment.
	Student Feedback	Provide meaningful feedback to students.	Feedback provided is <ul style="list-style-type: none"> timely; constructive; specific for next steps to reach mastery; individualized.
	Modify	Modify instruction in response to data.	Responding to data may include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> re-teaching and reassessing standards; extending the standards or providing enrichment; flexible grouping; adapting instructional strategies; participating regularly in problem-solving teams to address student needs (academics, behaviors, social/emotional).
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Concepts

Standards Alignment

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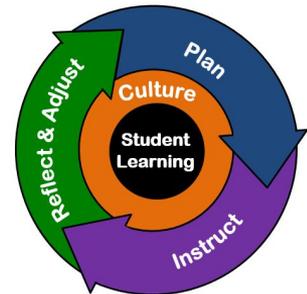
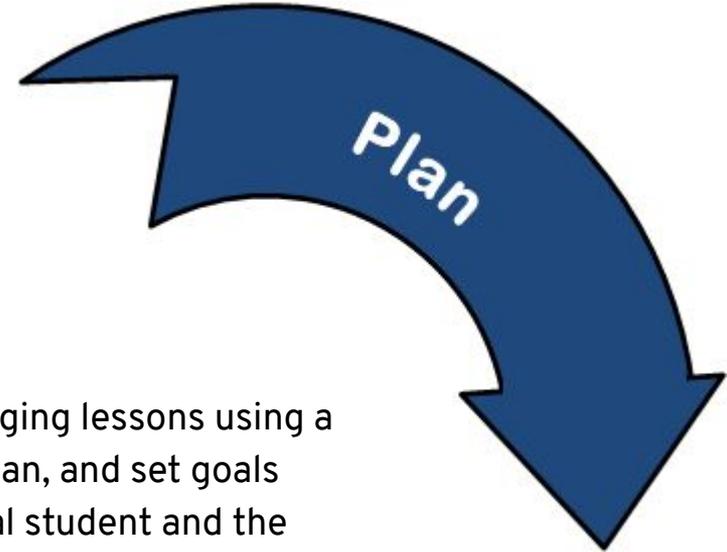
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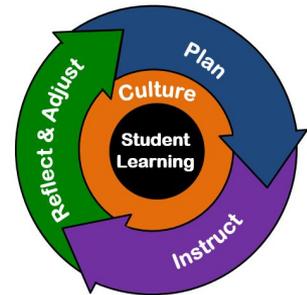
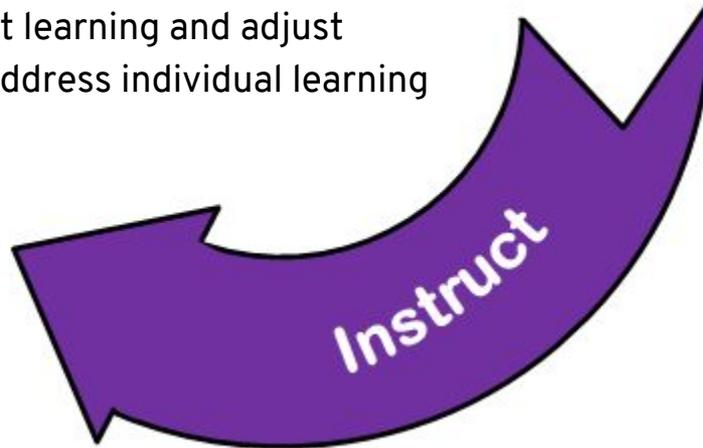
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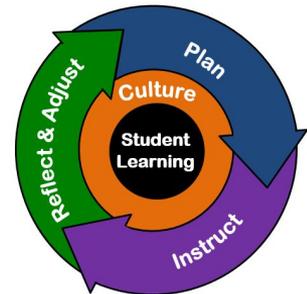
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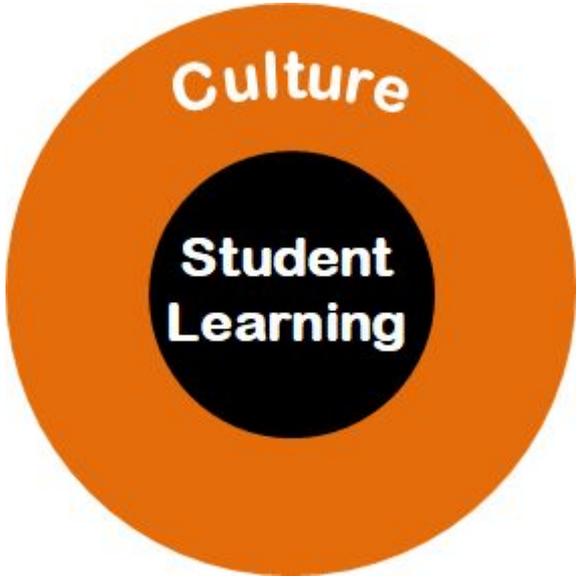


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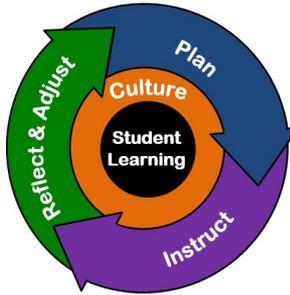
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