

Broward County Public Schools

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	R Review	Interview	Observe	Test
I Instruction "How?"	Permanent products: Classroom schedule Lesson Plans Pacing Projects Worksheets Written pieces & Tests	Teacher about: • Expectations • Curriculum materials • Scope & sequence • Use of effective teaching and evaluation practices	Teacher: • Antecedent conditions • Consequences • Expectations • Pace • Practices	 Checklists & questionnaires Classroom environment scales Self -reports Student opinions & responses about instruction and teacher
C Curriculum "What?"	Permanent products: • Books • Curriculum guides • Materials • Scope & sequence • Standards/Benchmarks • Worksheets	District staff/coaches about: • Effective implementation and expectations of curriculum Teacher about: • Use of curriculum • Content & application • Scope & sequence	 Alignment of assignments with goals and objectives Alignment of teacher talk with curriculum Curriculum modification Student interaction with materials & tasks 	 Level of assignment and curriculum material difficulty Opportunity to learn Student's opinions about what is taught Text readability
E Environment "Where?"	 Class size & demographics Classroom/School rules Local achievement data Procedures & routines School policies Social & cultural norms 	Parents, principal, teachers, support staff about: • Behavior management plans • Class rules • Class routines	 Distractions Health/safety violations Interactions and causal relationships Setting conditions Student, peers, teachers 	Aggregated peer performance Checklists & questionnaires Classroom environment scales Established local academic norms
L Learner "Who?"	 Attendance & health records Error analysis Permanent records: educational history, onset & duration of problem Teacher perceptions of the problem, pattern of behavior Test performance 	Parents, principal, teachers, support staff about: • How they perceive the problem Student's through: • Behavioral rating scales and structured interviews	Dimensions and nature of the problem Knowledge of expectations Response to Intervention Target behaviors	Curriculum-based assessment Discrepancy between setting demands (instruction, curriculum, environment) and student performance Functional hypothesis of performance deficit Student performance

(adapted from Howell & Nolet, 1999)