

SD8 Innovative Learning Services Professional Learning Series

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Literacy (4-6) Professional Learning Series

Dr. Chase Young, Artful Fluency Instruction Video Interview with teacher participants Spring 2025





Enhancements to Reading Fluency Instruction based on Dr. Chase Young's Workshop Insights—An Interview with SD8 Intermediate Teachers

Overview:

- This video showcases a group of teachers reflecting on their recent workshop with Dr. Chase Young, where they learned about the science of reading and the importance of reading fluency.
- The participants discuss key takeaways from the session, emphasizing practical strategies for engaging students in literacy learning and enhancing instructional methods.

Changes Made:

- Incorporate readers theater routines into the curriculum to promote engagement and fluency among students.
- Establish daily reading fluency practices, including choral and echo reading, for at least 20 to 30 minutes.
- Share effective resources and strategies learned from Dr. Young with the teaching team at various schools.

Assumptions:

- Teachers are familiar with various reading strategies but may lack specific methods to enhance reading fluency and comprehension.
- Participants are motivated to apply new instructional techniques to improve student engagement and learning outcomes.

Assessment Strategy:

- Evaluate the impact of implemented readers theater routines on student engagement and reading skills over the following weeks.
- Monitor daily reading fluency practices to assess improvements in student comprehension and performance in literacy activities.

Implementation of Intermediate (Grades 4-6) Reading Fluency Instruction: An Interview with Teachers from SD8 Families of Schools

Objective: To enhance reading fluency and comprehension in students through structured daily practices and engaging activities.

Key Steps:

- 1. Daily Fluency Routine
- 2. Incorporate a reading **fluency routine** for 20 to 30 minutes daily.
- 3. Use methods such as **choral reading** and **echo reading** to promote engagement.
- 4. Engaging Activities
- 5. Implement **readers theater** to make reading fun and interactive.
- 6. Organize activities like 'would you rather' debates to stimulate critical thinking.
- 7. Sharing Resources
- 8. Gather and share effective resources and strategies learned from professional development.
- 9. Report back to your teaching team to collaboratively improve practices.
- 10. Ongoing Professional Development
- 11. Attend follow-up sessions, such as those focusing on morphology and vocabulary instruction.
- 12. Continuously seek out new strategies and practices to enhance literacy teaching.

Notes:

- Ensure that daily fluency practices align with the developmental level of students.
- Avoid reliance on a single method; diversify strategies to cater to different learning needs.

Tips for Efficiency:

- Create a calendar for implementing different activities each week to maintain student interest.
- Collaborate with colleagues to share insights and brainstorm new ideas for engaging literacy instruction.

Professional Learning Resources:

4-12 Literacy

