



Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3:
“Clarity precedes competence.”
-Rick DuFour

The West Side way



High Levels of Learning for ALL Students

1. Ensure access to grade-level essential curriculum as core instruction
2. Provide additional time and support to master essential grade-level curriculum
3. Provide intensive interventions to those lacking essential foundational skills
4. Some students may require all three tiers to learn at high levels.



Tier 1 instruction...

provides *all* students access to essential *grade-level* curriculum and effective initial teaching.

- 60 minutes of a 90 minute block of ELA time
- Reading Wonders based on standards
- Writing based on seven key sentences & scored using the state rubric
- Collaboratively planned math lesson using a standards-based resource like GA Standards of Excellence Resources or Engage NY



Tier 2 instruction...

is supplemental help to master *grade-level* curriculum and is focused on specific essential standards and learning targets

- Must be timely, targeted, flexible, and fluid
- 30 minutes in Tier 1 - 90 minute block, guided reading, or focused IXL for extension during a math block
- During the regular block OR could be during ELT time
 - *If required Tier 3 minutes in ELT is complete, use the remaining time to relearn grade-level content.*
 - To extend or enrich learning is on grade-level and is TIER 1



Tier 3 instruction...

is targeted, intensive remediation in foundational skills

- Only during ELT and with teacher support and guidance
 - *Lexia, Reading Plus, Dreambox, i-Ready*
- To help close the gap in instruction lost from previous year(s)
- *If minutes are completed for the week, use the additional time for Tier 2*
 - *(focused grade-level based IXL, Greg Tang Math resources, guided reading, etc.)*

Talk with Denver to get more ideas.



Extended Learning Time cont.

Question 4: What if they already know it?

- Reading Plus
- Satisfied Tier 3 requirements and don't need Tier 2
 - On grade-level extension work continued from Tier 1
 - IXL to practice on grade-level content
 - Enrich with higher DOK focus in Tier 1
 - On lexile or stretch lexile book for independent read



Exit Ticket

At your table, complete the chart:

Tier	What is it?	When is it used?

