

Integrated Academic and Behavioral Data- Based Decision- Making

in Grade or Content-Alike Data Teams



A night photograph of the Missouri State Capitol building. In the foreground, six large, fluted columns stand on a grassy hill, illuminated from below with a warm orange light. The Capitol building, with its prominent green dome and white facade, is lit up and stands behind the columns. The sky is a deep blue, and bare trees are visible on either side of the building. The overall scene is a blend of classical architecture and modern lighting.

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Outcomes

By the end of this lesson, you will...

- Understand the relationship between academic skills and challenging behavior
- Know how to read the data to select effective, evidence-based action steps

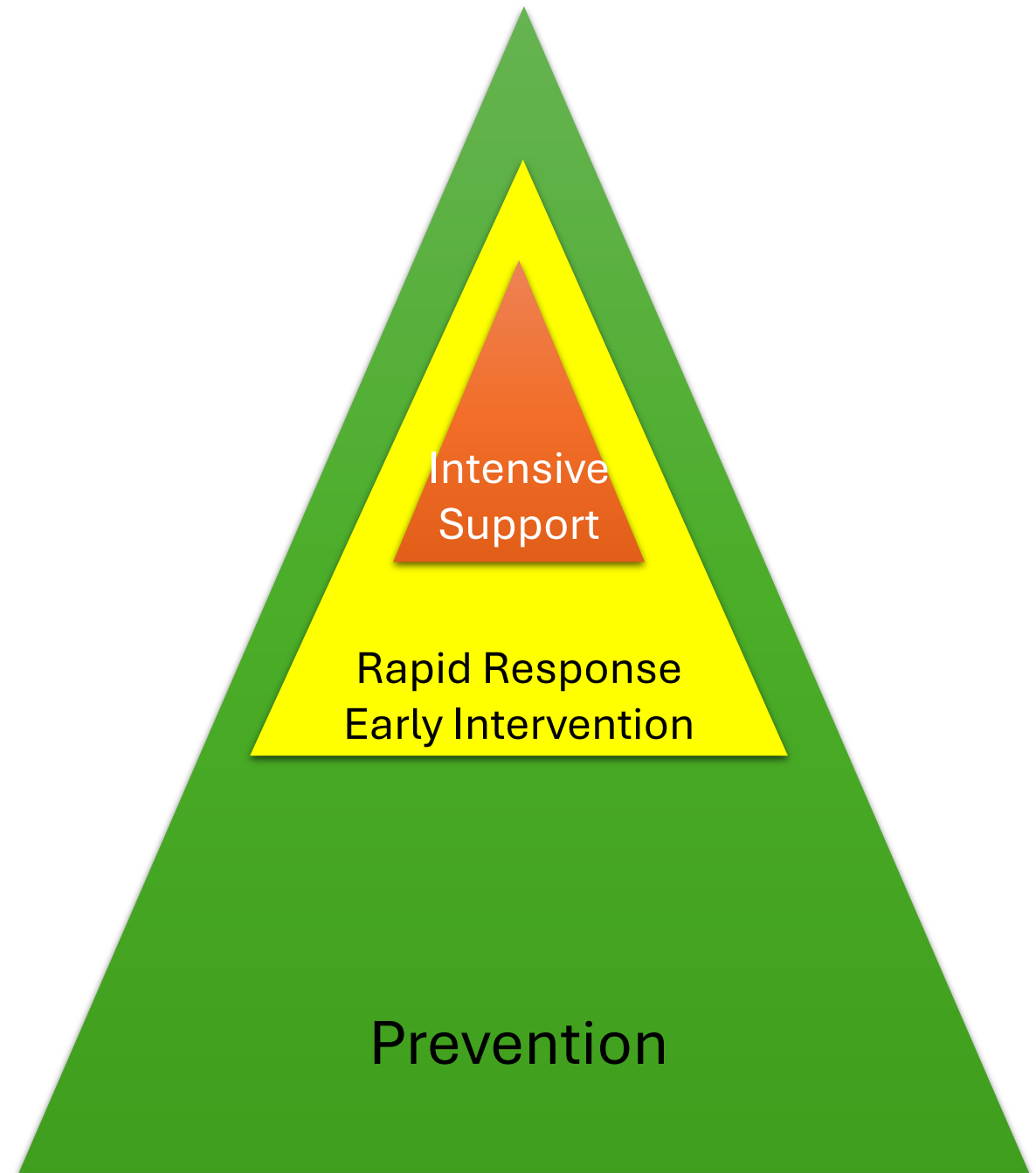


Essential Question

- **How can we differentiate instruction for students based on academic and behavioral performance?**



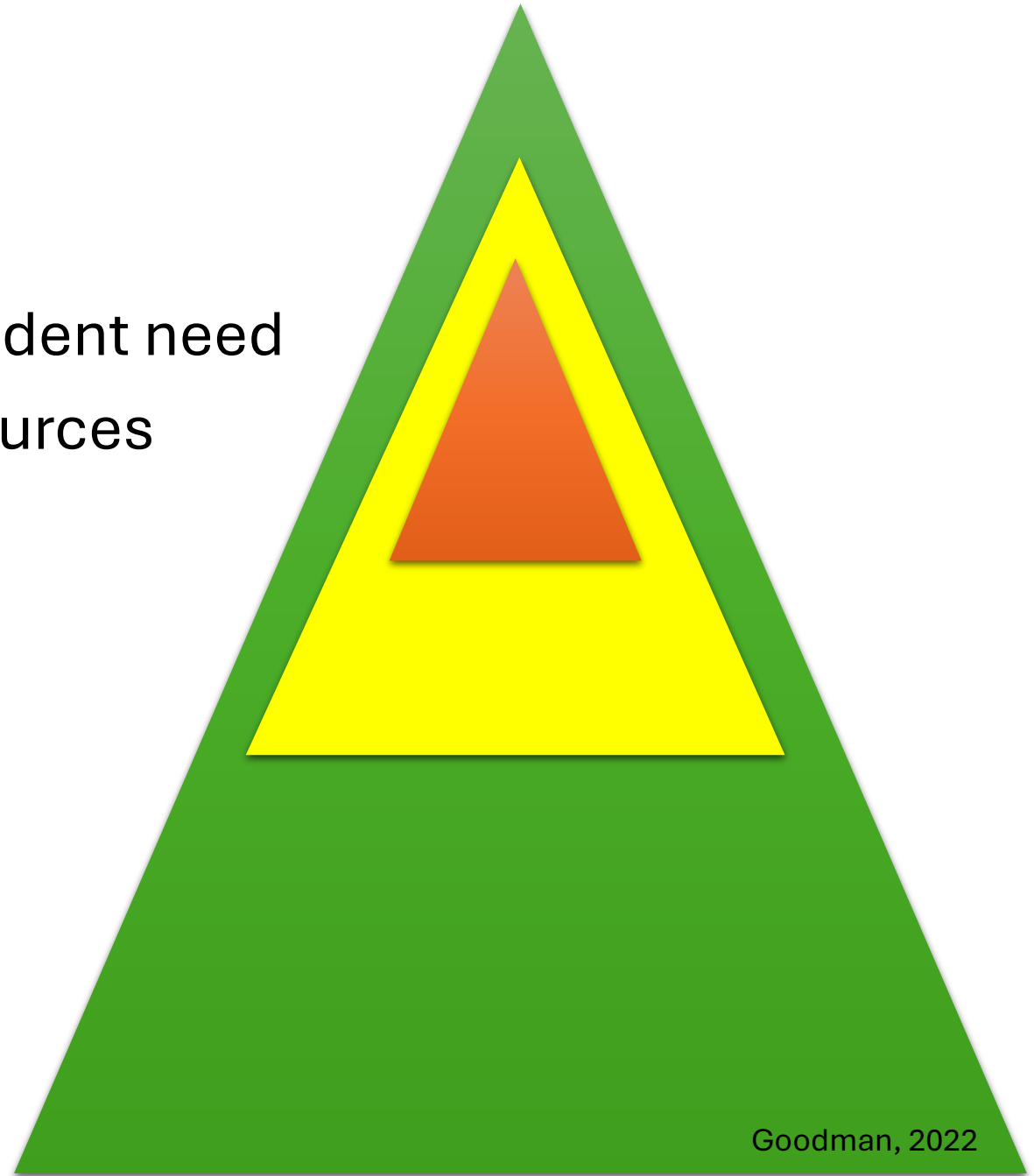
What is MTSS?





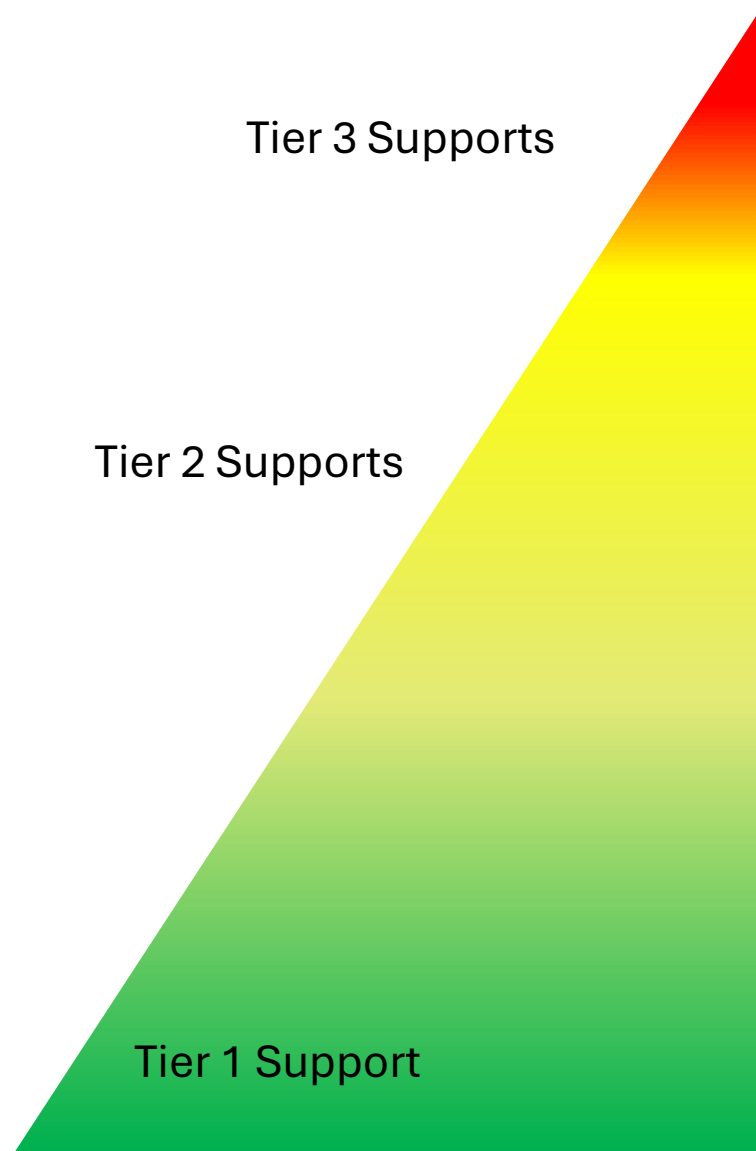
Why MTSS?

- Differentiate support to match student need
- Allocate and leverage limited resources
- Amplified when integrated



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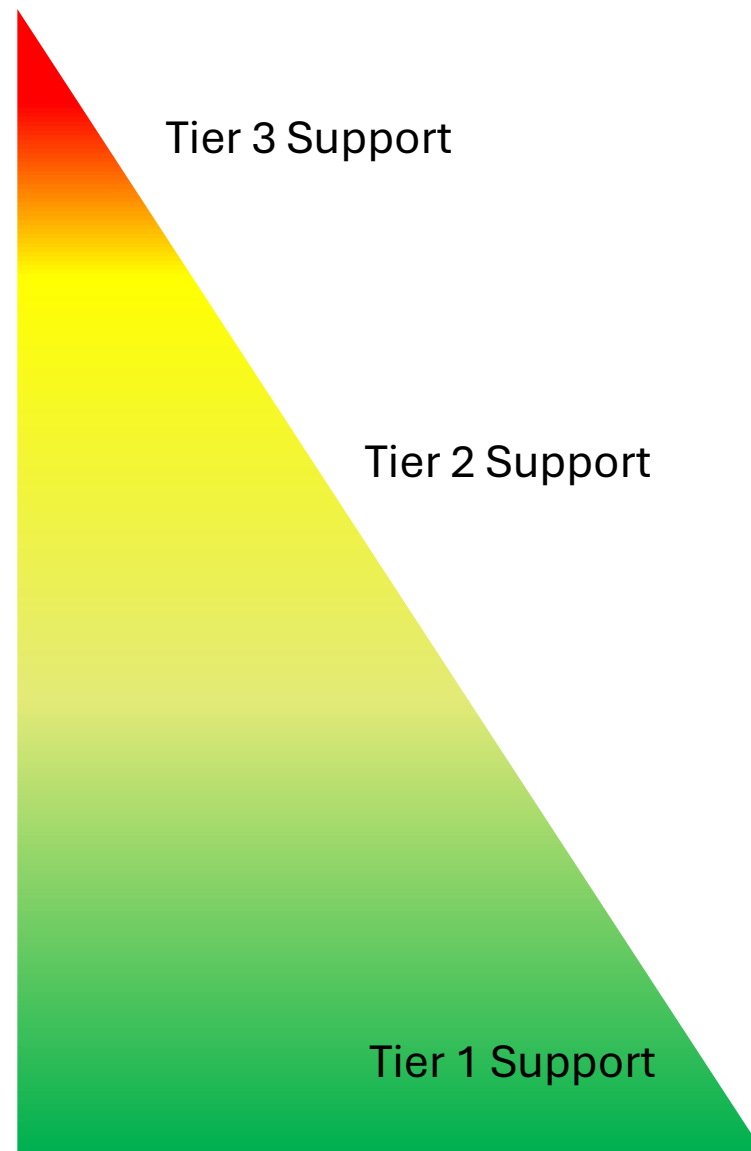
Academic Support

Tier 3 Support

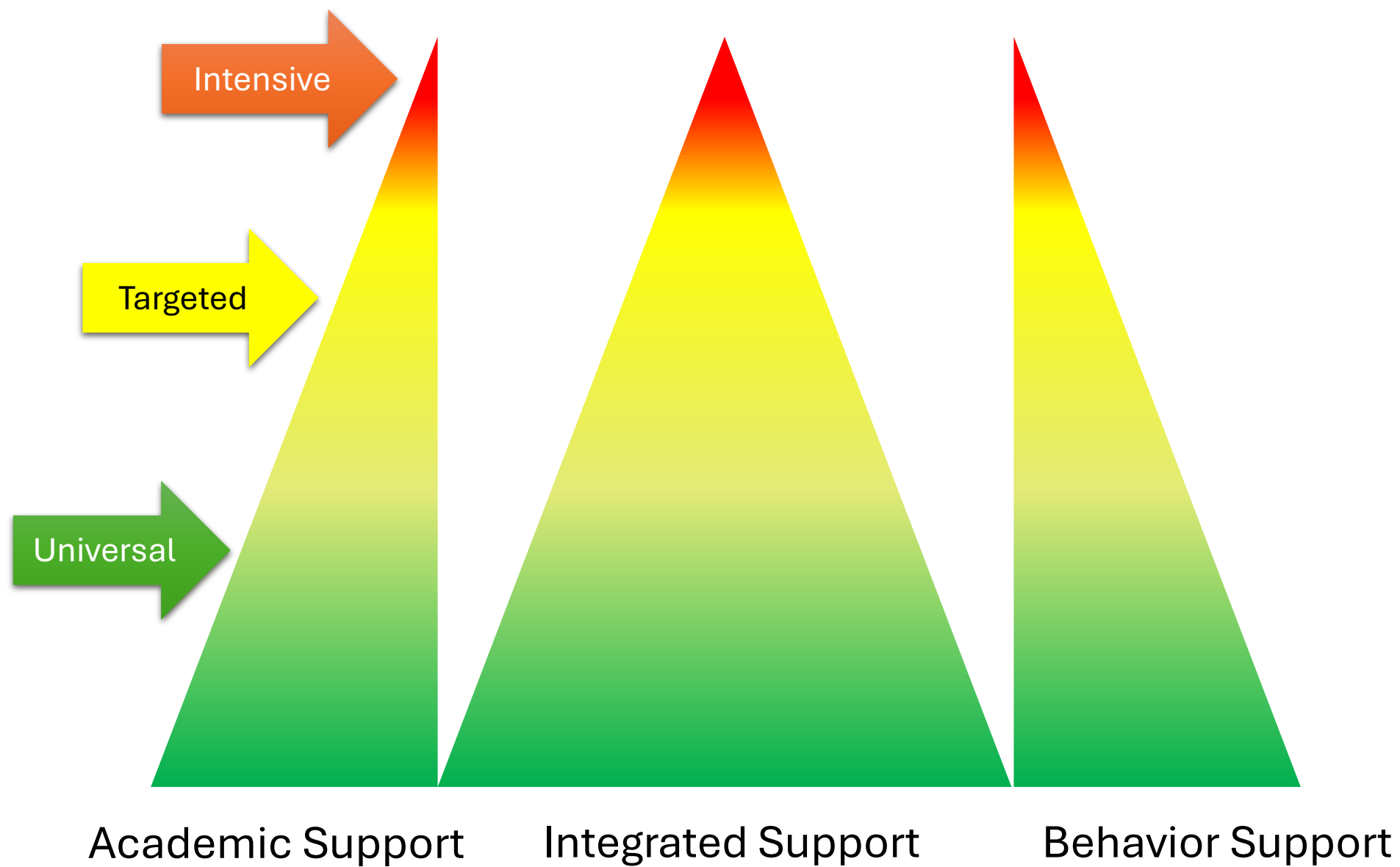
Tier 2 Support

Tier 1 Support

Integrated MTSS



Behavior Support





Think, Pair, Share

- Knowing what you currently know about academic and behavioral MTSS, what are components that would make sense to integrate?
- What are components that it might make sense to keep separate?



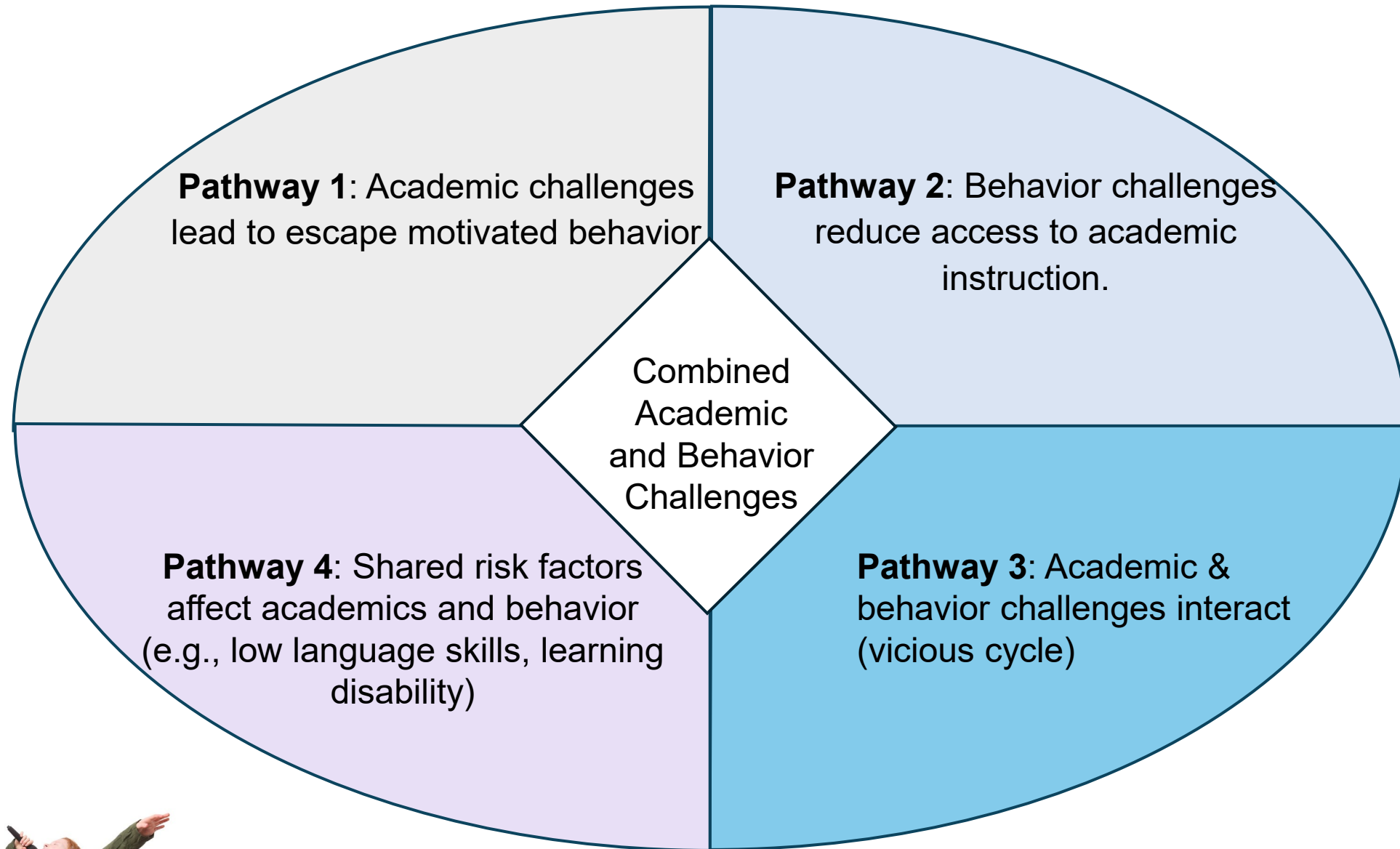


Why Integrate?

- Engaging instruction
- Academic learning time
- Academic skills related to behavior
- More efficient allocation of resources

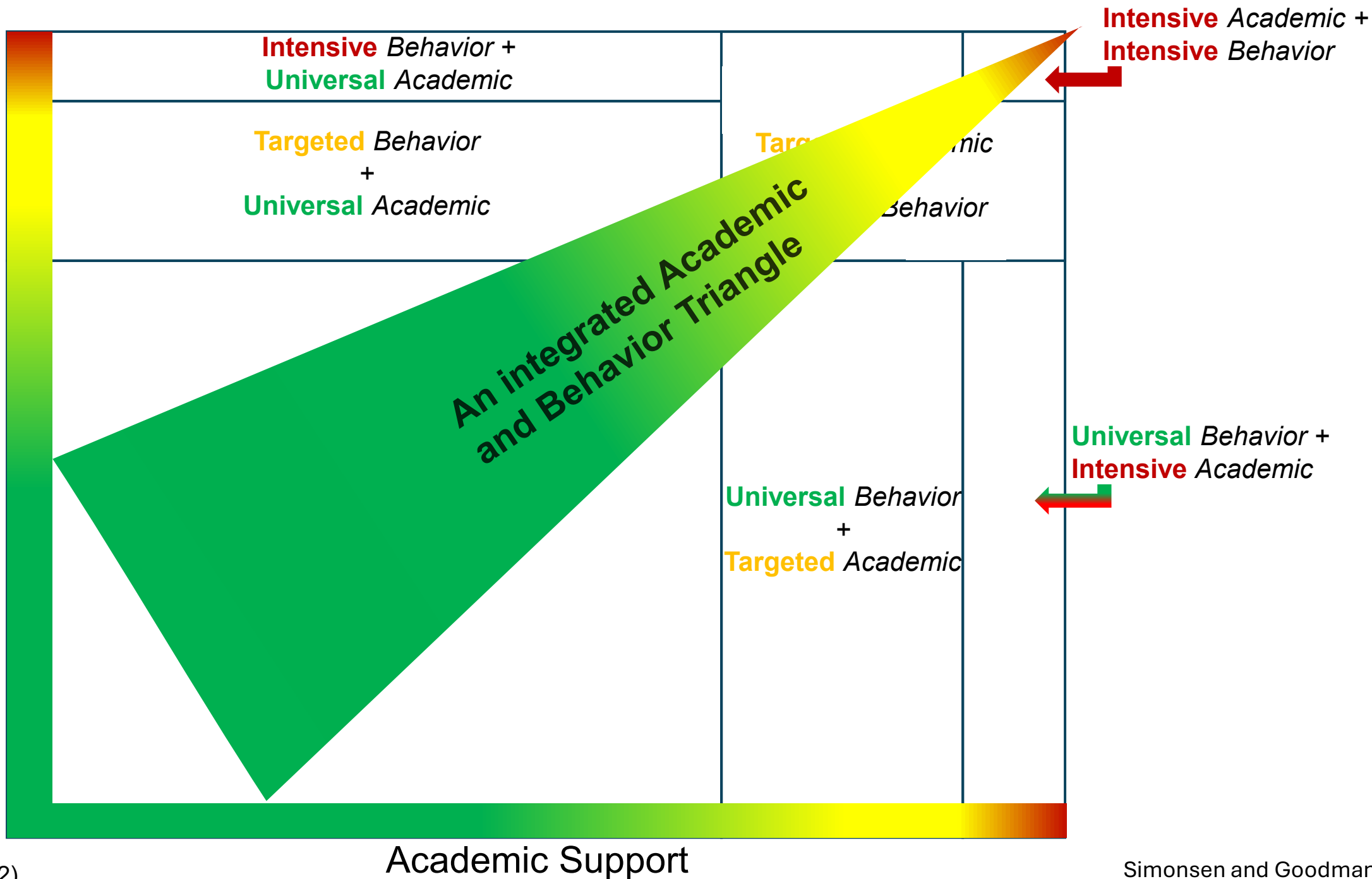


Interconnected academic & behavioral challenges



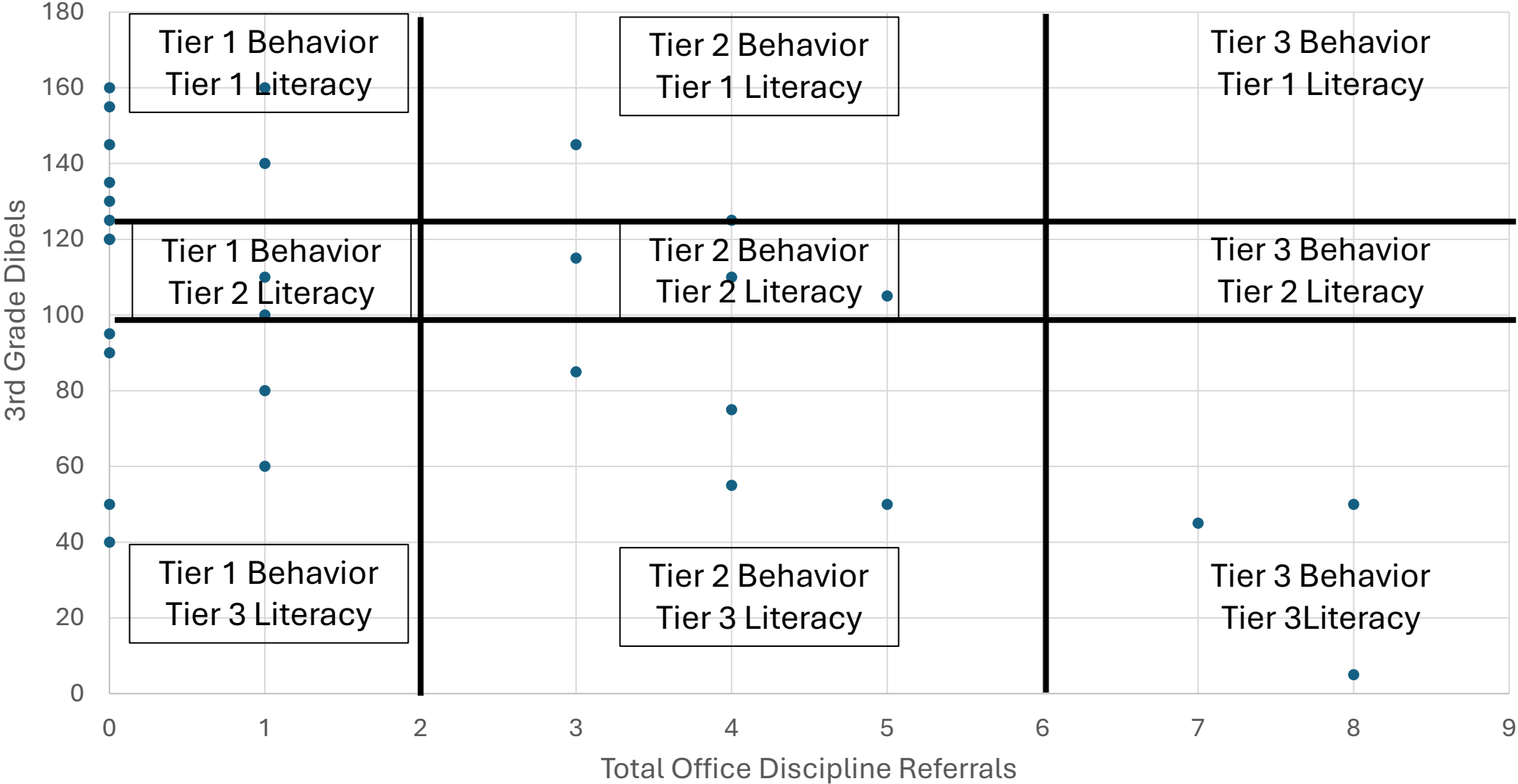


Behavior Support






Integrated Academic and Behavior Screener



MTSS Data





Are you drowning in data?

“It is not so much a lack of data, but an absence of analysis, and an even greater absence of actions driven by the data.”

White 2005

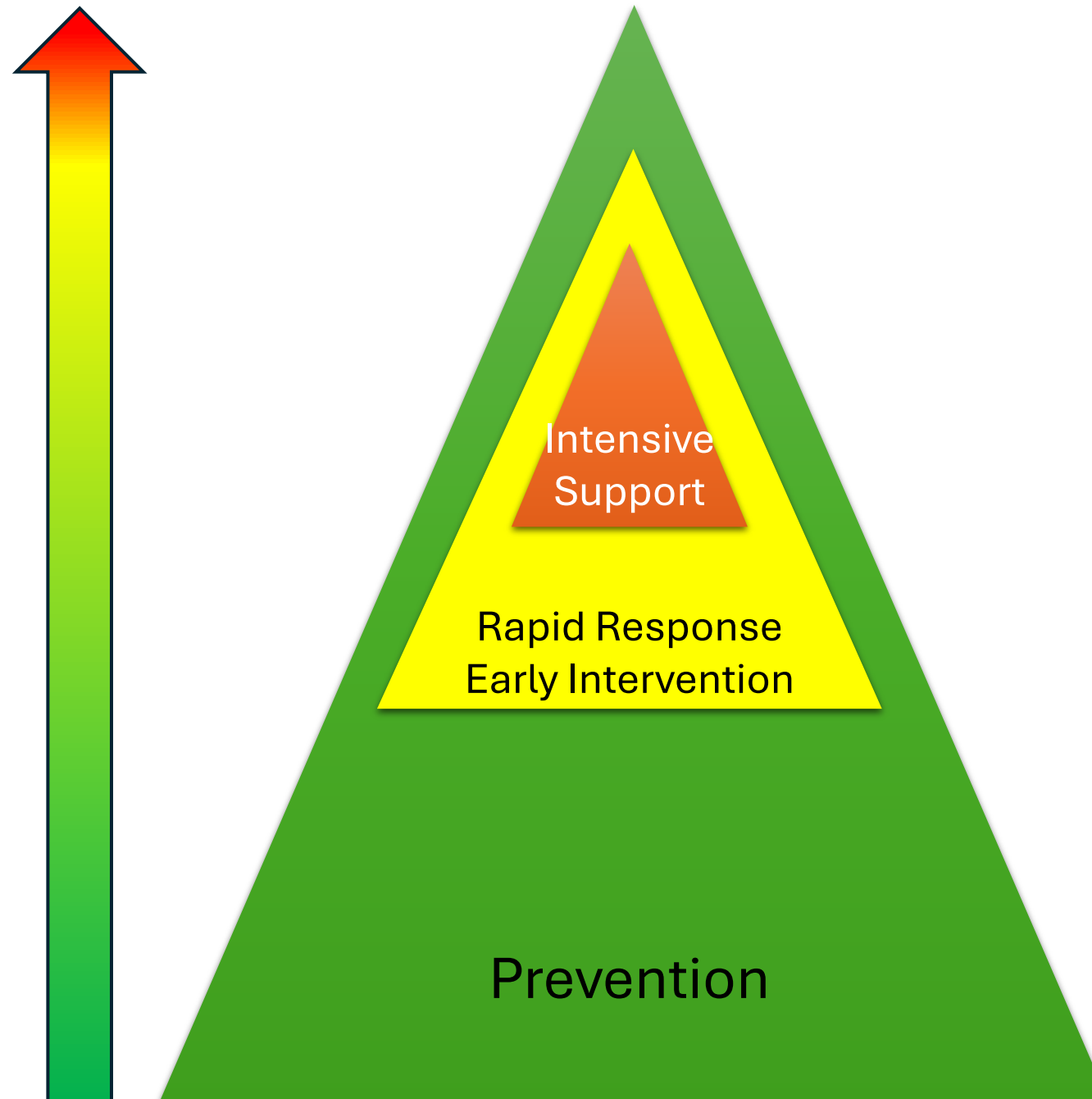




The ***right*** people
need the ***right*** data
in the ***right*** amount
at the ***right*** time and
in the ***right*** format.

A chalkboard with a wooden frame, featuring the words 'THE RIGHT STUFF' written in a large, white, 3D block letter font. The letters have a textured, hand-drawn appearance with some internal shading and a slightly irregular outline, giving them a three-dimensional look as if they were made of clay or painted with thick paint. The text is arranged in three lines: 'THE' on the top line, 'RIGHT' on the middle line, and 'STUFF' on the bottom line. The background of the chalkboard is dark and slightly textured, with some faint, illegible markings visible.

Adapted from Gilbert, 1978



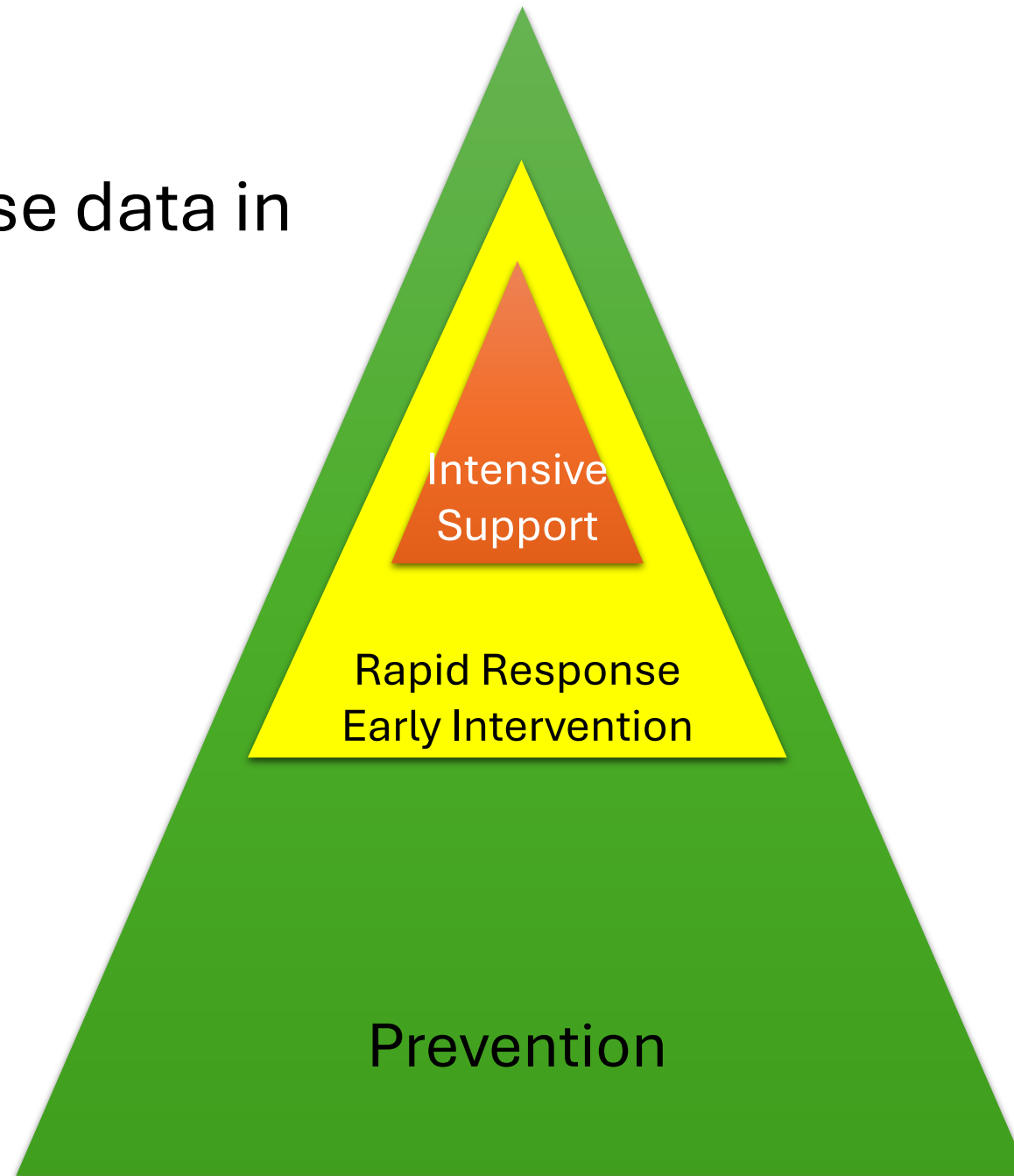
Amount
&
Frequency
of
Data Collection

Prevention

Rapid Response
Early Intervention

Intensive
Support

How do you use data in
MTSS?





What Data

- Implementation Fidelity
- Screeners
- Diagnostic
- Progress Monitoring
 - Fidelity
 - Student Outcome
- Evaluation



Implementation Fidelity





Why Assess Fidelity of Implementation?

- Are adults doing what they said they would do?
- Is the effect caused by adult action?
- Celebrate and motivate



McIntosh & Goodman 2016



Behavior

- Fidelity Surveys
 - Tiered Fidelity Inventory (TFI)
 - Self-Assessment Survey (SAS)
- Solution Plans
- Tier 2 Intervention Ratings
 - CICO
 - SSIG
- Tier 3 Individual and Intensive
 - BIP Implementation Rating





Instruction

- Implementation surveys
 - Tiered Fidelity Inventory for Reading (TFI-R, 2015)
- Rating scales/checklists for lesson plans
- Rating scales for targeted interventions
- Rating scales for individualized Support Plans





Integrated

[Integrated MTSS Fidelity Rubric \(IMFR\)](#)





Domain	Items
Domain 1. Instruction and Intervention	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1.1 Tier 1• 1.2 Tier 2• 1.3 Tier 3
Domain 2. Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2.1 Universal Screening• 2.2 Diagnostic Assessment• 2.3 Progress Monitoring
Domain 3. Data-Based Decision Making (DBDM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3.1 Universal DBDM• 3.2 Targeted DBDM• 3.3 Intensive DBDM• 3.4 Continuous Improvement
Domain 4. Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4.1 District Leadership• 4.2 School Leadership• 4.3 Schoolwide Culture• 4.4 Professional Learning

Beginning	Exploring	Aligning	Integrating	Sustaining
<i>A Beginning rating on an item indicates that a school <u>does not meet all criteria</u> in any academic or SEB area.</i>	<i>An Exploring rating on an item indicates that a school <u>meets all criteria</u> in at least <u>one academic area</u> or at least <u>one SEB area</u>.</i>	<i>An Aligning rating on an item indicates that a school <u>meets all criteria</u> in at least <u>one academic area</u> and at least <u>one SEB area</u>, but academic and SEB areas <u>are not combined</u> (i.e., they operate separately).</i>	<i>An Integrating rating on an item indicates that a school <u>meets all criteria</u> in at least <u>one academic area</u> and at least <u>one SEB area</u>, and academic and SEB areas <u>are intentionally combined</u>.</i>	<i>A Sustaining rating on an item indicates that <u>for at least two years</u>, a school has <u>met all criteria</u> in at least <u>one academic area</u> and at least <u>one SEB area</u>, and academic and SEB areas <u>are intentionally combined and documented in policies and procedures</u>.</i>



Screening





Screening

- Identify students who may benefit from additional support
- Assess *all* students
- Brief
- Efficient
- Assesses only the most important indicators
- Identify the need for diagnostic assessment





Behavior Screening

- Existing School Data:
 - ODRs (Externalizing Behavior)
 - 0-1
 - 2-5
 - 6+
 - October Catch
 - Attendance
 - Nurse Visits
- Behavior Screeners
 - Social, Academic and Emotional Behavior Risk Screener (SAEBRS, Kilgus, Tillman-Riley and Von der Emse 2013)
 - Student Risk Screening Scale Internalizers and Externalizers (SRSS 1994 Drummond)



Academic Screeners

- Grades
- Curriculum Based Monitoring (CBMs)
 - Brief, repeatable, timed assessment of core skills
 - DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy 2010)
 - Benchmark Assessments
 - Common Formative Assessments



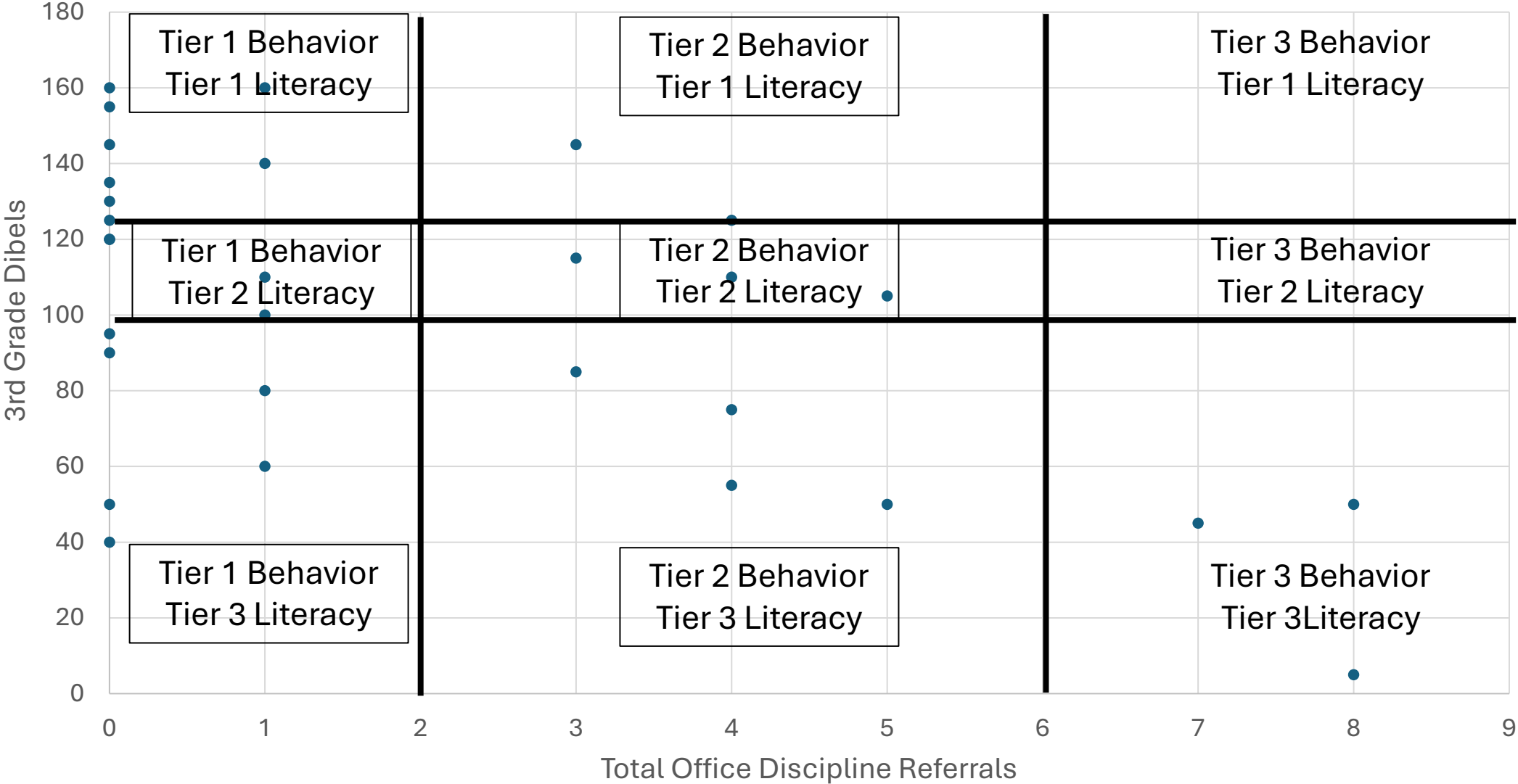
Integrated Screening

- Analyze together





Integrated Academic and Behavior Screener





Diagnostic Assessments



Diagnostic Assessments

- Determine Current Skill Level
- Determine Skill/Knowledge Gaps
- Identify misapplication of rules
- Match need to effective intervention



Screeners

- Sometimes screeners provide enough information to match intervention to need
 - ODR
 - Who?
 - What?
 - When?
 - Where?
 - Why (inferred)?



Behavior

- Simple Functional Behavior Assessment (FBA)
 - Rarely involves additional testing
 - Gather additional information
 - Existing school data
 - Teacher Interviews
 - Student Interviews
 - Family interview
 - Observation



Academic

- Functional Academic Assessment (FAA)
 - Can't Do
 - Specific Academic Skill deficits
 - Deficit in prerequisite skill
 - Misapplication of strategies
 - Lack of fluency
 - Won't Do
 - Has skill/lacks motivation
 - Effort Required
 - Aversive consequence of successful participation



Academic

- Survey Level Diagnostic Assessments for Academics
 - Shapiro 2010
- I-Ready
 - Math and Literacy Diagnostic Assessments
- STAR
 - Math and Literacy Diagnostic Assessments
- NWEA



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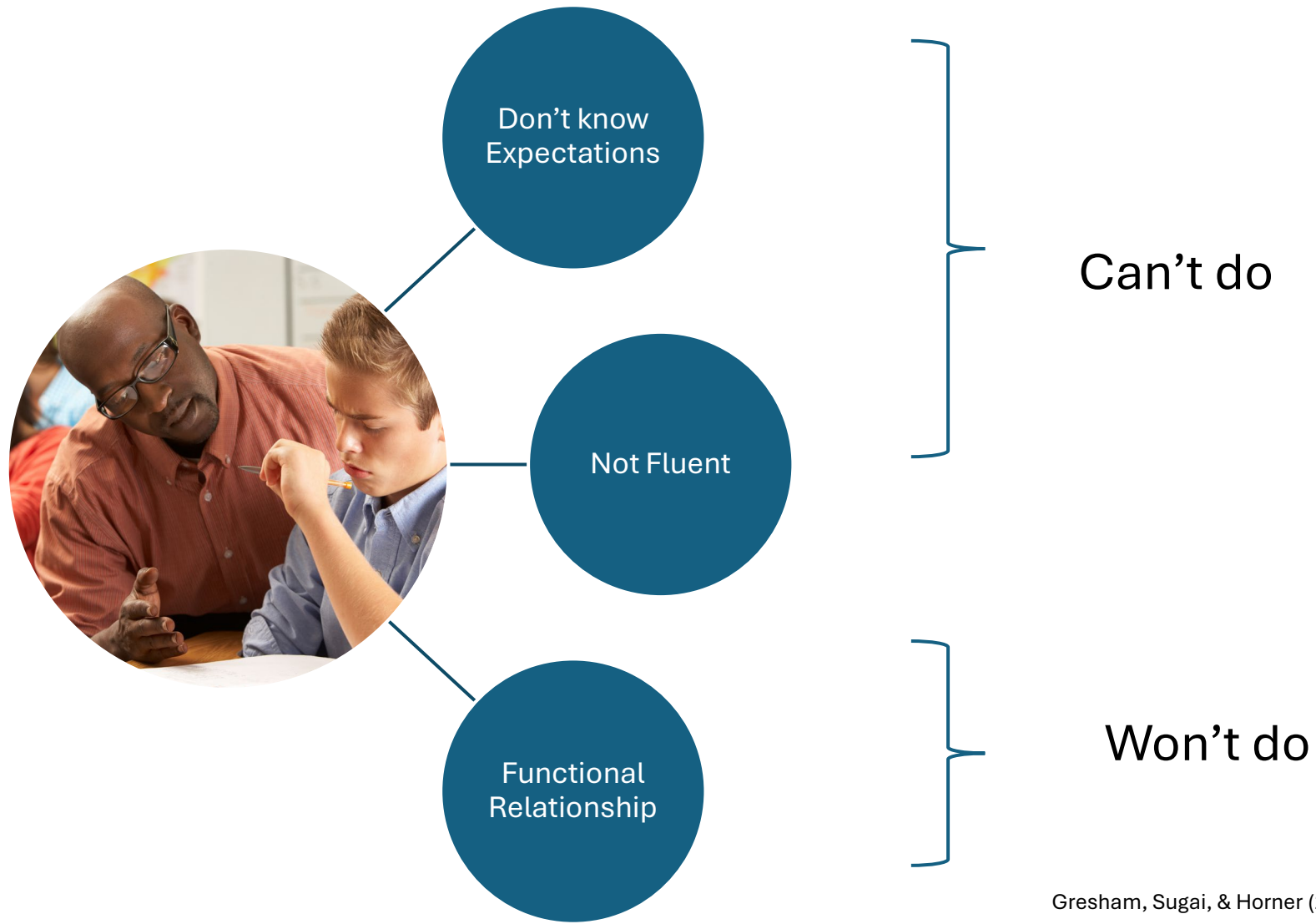


Integrated Diagnostic Assessment

- Does not involve a separate Assessment or special tools
- Rather, review behavior and academic diagnostic data simultaneously



Why Do Kids Engage in *Unexpected* Behavior?



Functional Assessment of Behavior and Academics

Behavior

To obtain

- Objects/activities
- Attention from peers
- Attention from adults

To Escape/avoid

- Activities
- Attention from peers
- Attention from adults

Academic

Can't do

- Accuracy issue
 - Issue with targeted skills
 - Issue with prerequisite skills
 - Application of misrules
- Fluency issue (not enough time doing it)
- Generalization issue
- Mismatch between skill level and task difficulty (too hard)

Won't do

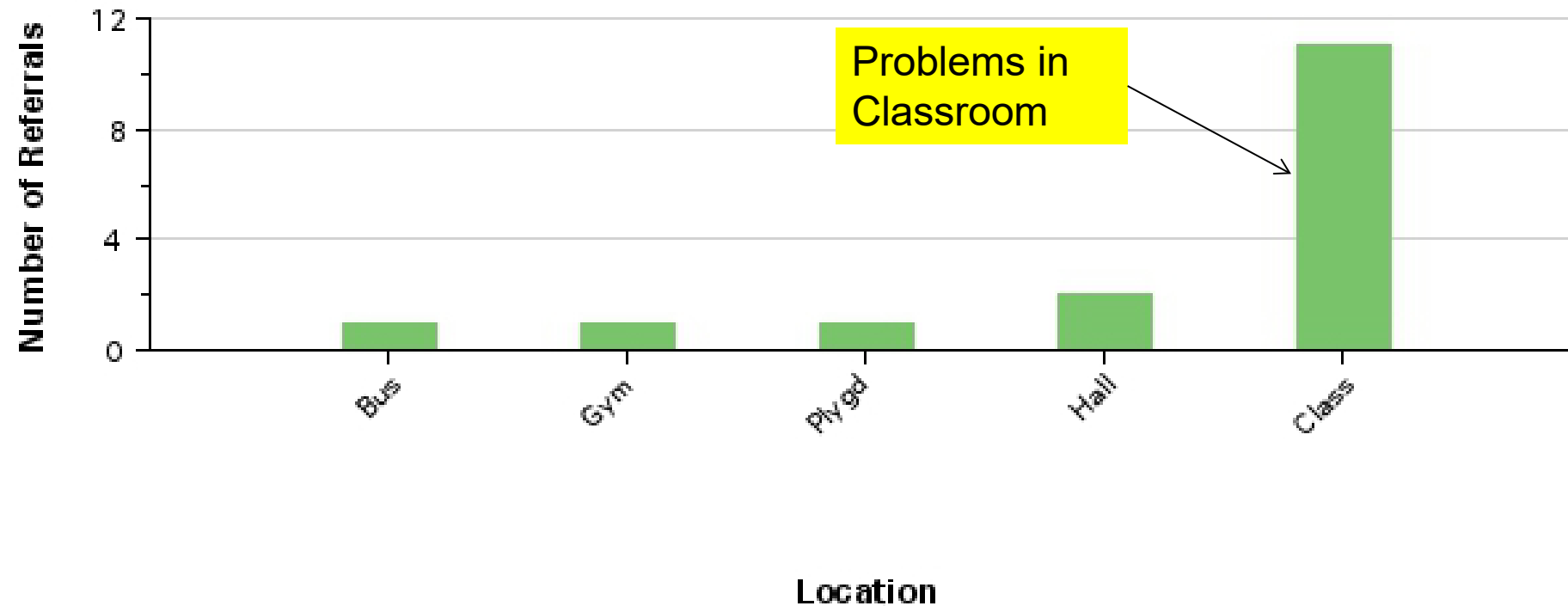
- Motivational issue



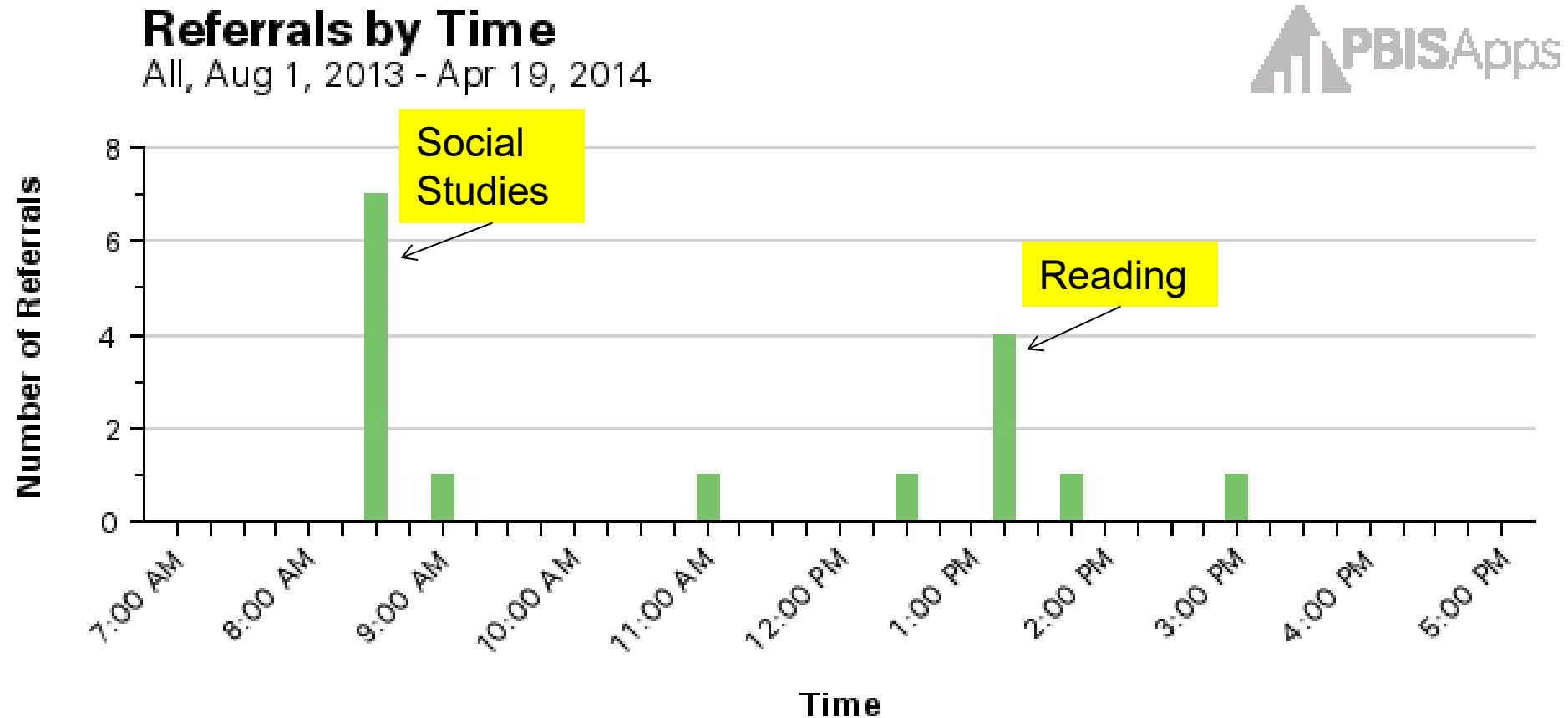
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Referrals by Location

All, Aug 1, 2013 - Apr 19, 2014



Demonstration Behavior Data from School-Wide Information System (SWIS): Jeffery Baker

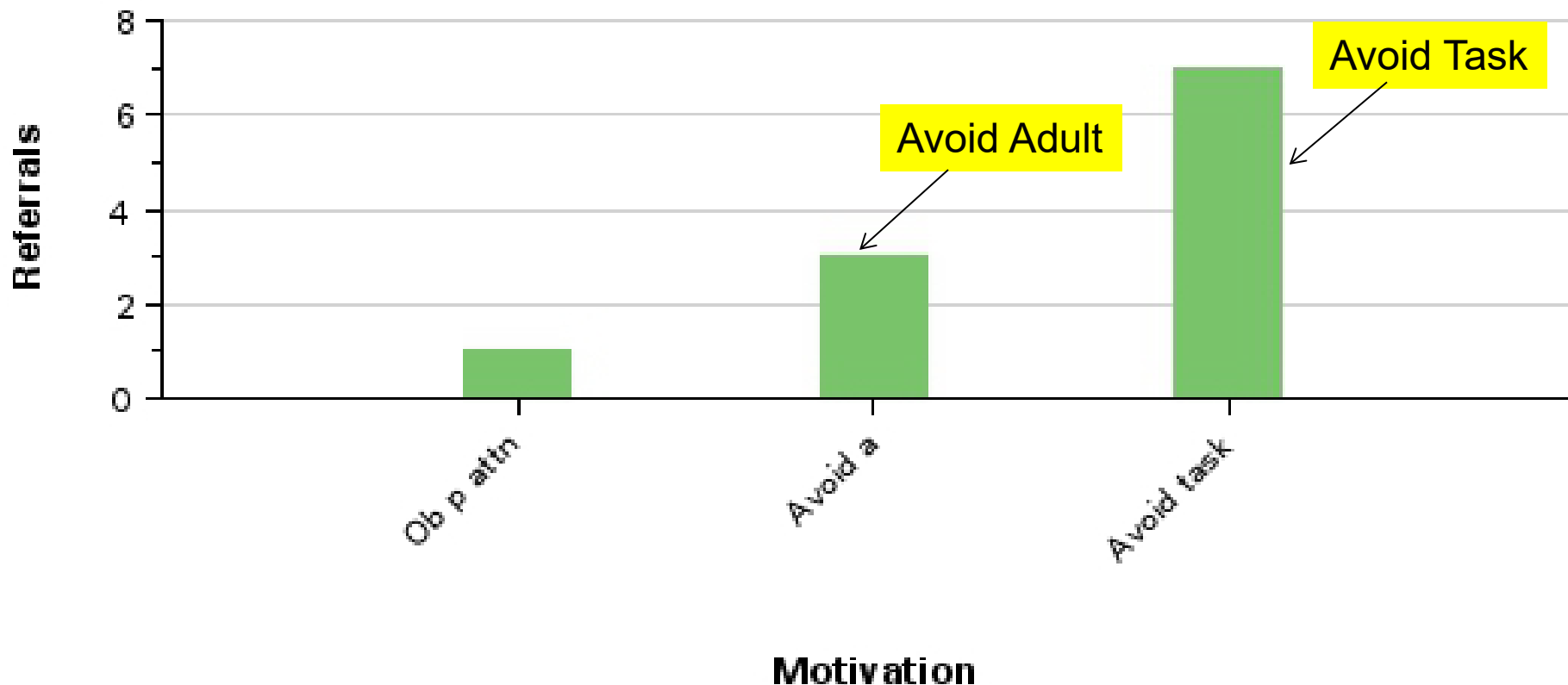




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Referrals by Perceived Motivation

Drill Down

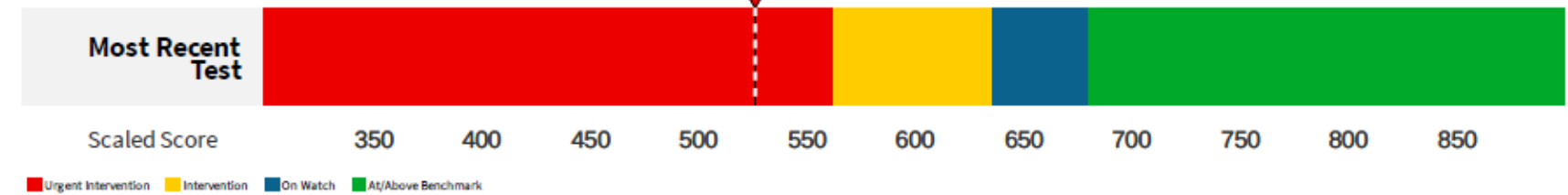




School	Students	Date Range	Demographics	Scale	Benchmark Type
Tiger Elementary 360	Baker, Jeffrey	08/01/20-07/31/21	All Demographics	Star Enterprise Scale	District

Student	Test Date	Grade	Teacher	Class/Group
B Baker, Jeffrey	Jan 1, 2021, 7:56 AM	1st	Snyder, E.	GR1 Class 1

District Benchmark, Grade 1



Test Results	Explanation
Scaled Score (SS) 527	Jeffrey's Scaled Score is based on the Star Enterprise scale.
Percentile Rank (PR) 6	Jeffrey scored higher than 6% of students nationally in the same grade.
Estimated Oral Fluency (Est. ORF) 3	Jeffrey can likely read 3 words per minute correctly on grade level appropriate text.
Literacy Classification Late Emergent	Classification Score Ranges: Early Emergent Reader (300-487), Late Emergent Reader (488-674), Transitional Reader (675-774), Probable Reader (775-900)
Test Duration & Fidelity 12 mins and 30 secs	

Sub-Domain and Skill Set Scores

Ranging from 0-100, domain scores estimate Jeffrey's percent of mastery on skills in each domain at a first grade level.

Alphabetic Sequence	79
Letter Sounds	72
Print Concepts	52
Print Concepts: Common Signs and Symbols	83
Visual Discrimination	79
Letters	84
Phonemic Awareness	42
Blending Word Parts	60
Blending Phonemes	55
Initial and Final Phonemes	31
Consonant Blends (PA)	29
Medial Phoneme Discrimination	33
Phoneme Segmentation	34
Phonics	31
Short Vowel Sounds	~
Initial Consonant Sounds	64
Final Consonant Sounds	46
Sound-Symbol Correspondence: Consonants	48

Next Steps: These are the skill sets the student is ready to learn and practice, based on their Scaled Score. Skill sets with a score below 40 may not have been presented to the student yet or may be too difficult at this time.

Phonics (continued)	41
Sound-Symbol Correspondence: Vowels	34
Word Families/Rhyming	43
Consonant Blends (PH)	44
Consonant Digraphs	41
Variant Vowel Sounds	36
Other Vowel Sounds	39
Word Building	38
Structural Analysis	32
Words with Affixes	33
Syllabification	41
Compound Words	26
Contractions	34
Vocabulary	43
Word Facility	56
Synonyms	32
Antonyms	34
Sentence-Level Comprehension	35
Comprehension at the Sentence Level	35
Paragraph-Level Comprehension	32
Comprehension of Paragraphs	32
Early Numeracy	66
Measurement	78
Number Object Correspondence	56
Composing and Decomposing	74



Progress Monitoring



Progress Monitoring

- Similar to screening
- More frequent
- Targeted at a specific skill



Results Indicators

If the adults _____, then the students should _____.

















































Example: If the I teach my daughter to use the visual cue of seeing the classroom door to remember to turn in her assignment, then she should turn in assignments when she enters the classroom.

Progress Monitoring Tools

- *Usually* a targeted subsection of Screeners
- ODRs not sensitive enough
 - Use Classroom Minors
 - Use a Daily Progress Report (DPR)
- Should be paired with fidelity checks



Daily Progress Report

Goals	Centers	Circle Time	Table Time	Snack Time	Large Motor Play
Use walking feet 	  	  	  	  	  
Use nice words 	  	  	  	  	  
Use listening ears 	  	  	  	  	  

Daily Progress Report (DPR)

Student Name _____ Date _____

3 = 0-1 reminder 2 = 2 reminders 1 = 3+ reminders

	Be Safe	Be Respectful	Be Responsible	Teacher Initials	Success Notes
8:30 to Morning Break	3 2 1	3 2 1	3 2 1		
Morning Break to	3 2 1	3 2 1	3 2 1		
Lunch to Afternoon Break	3 2 1	3 2 1	3 2 1		
Afternoon Break to Dismissal	3 2 1	3 2 1	3 2 1		

Today's Goal: 50% 55% 60% 65% 70% 75% 80%

Today's Points _____ Points Possible _____ Today's Percent _____%

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ I'm proud of you today because:

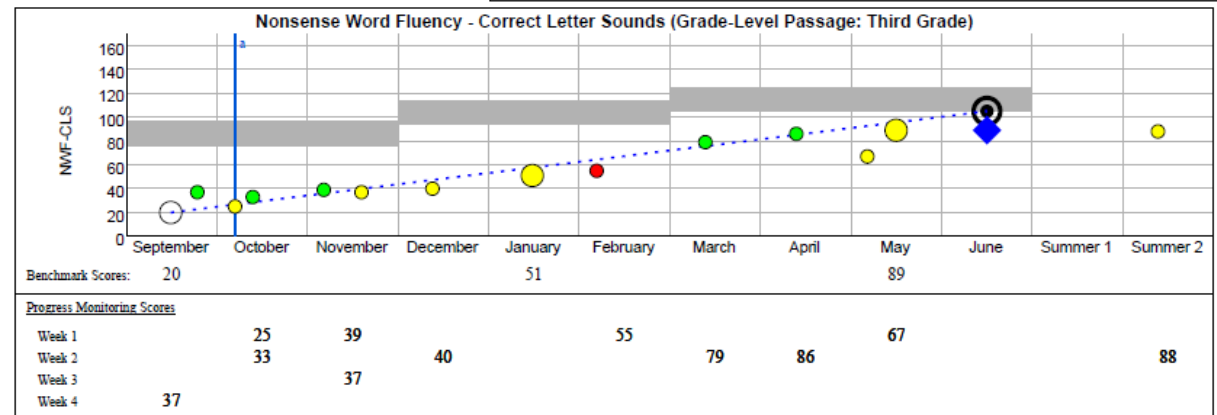
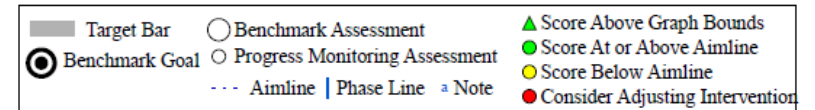
Academic Progress Monitoring

- Common Formative Assessments
- CBMs
- Specific Skills on Screener

Student Progress Monitoring Graph - DIBELS 8th Edition

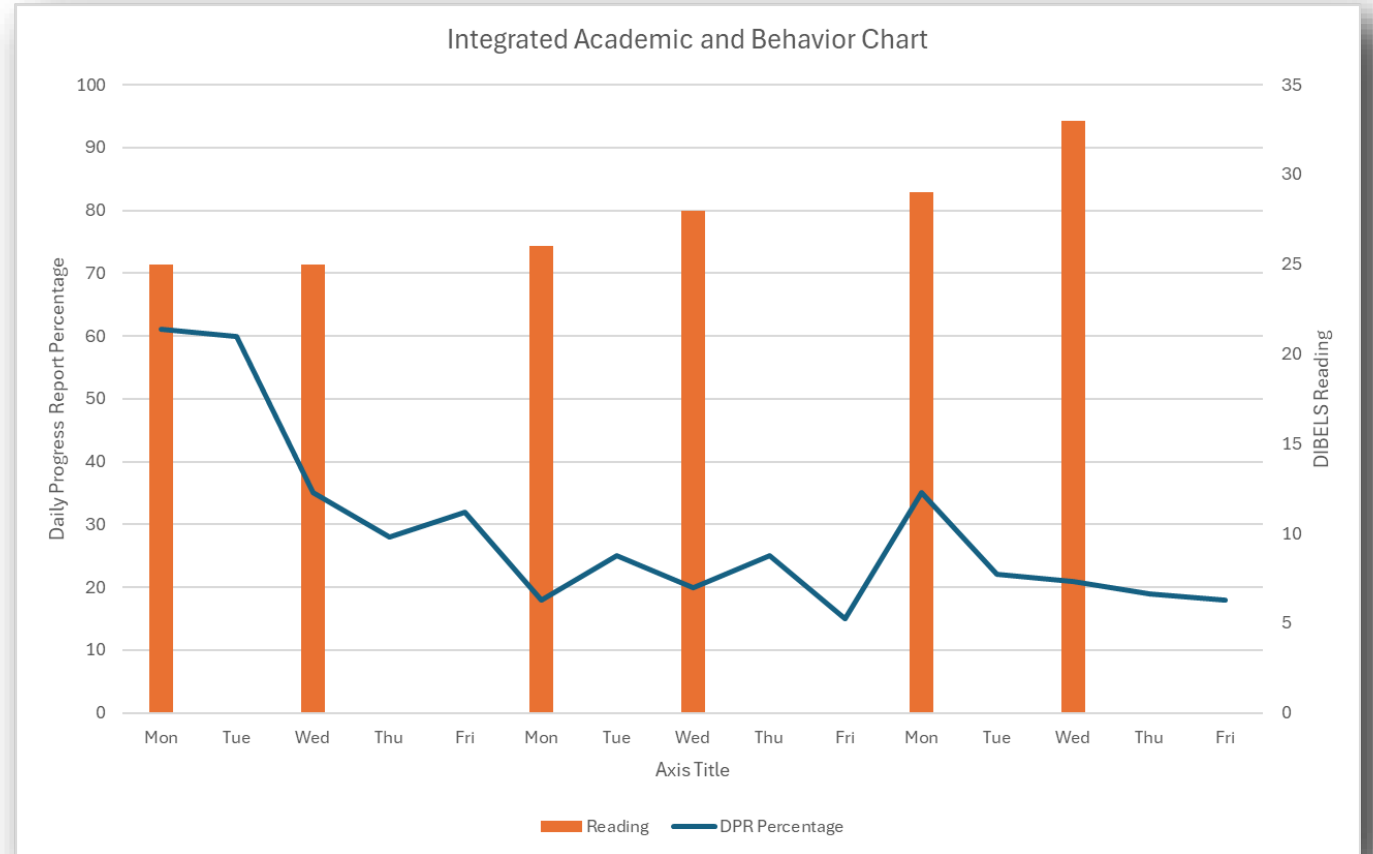
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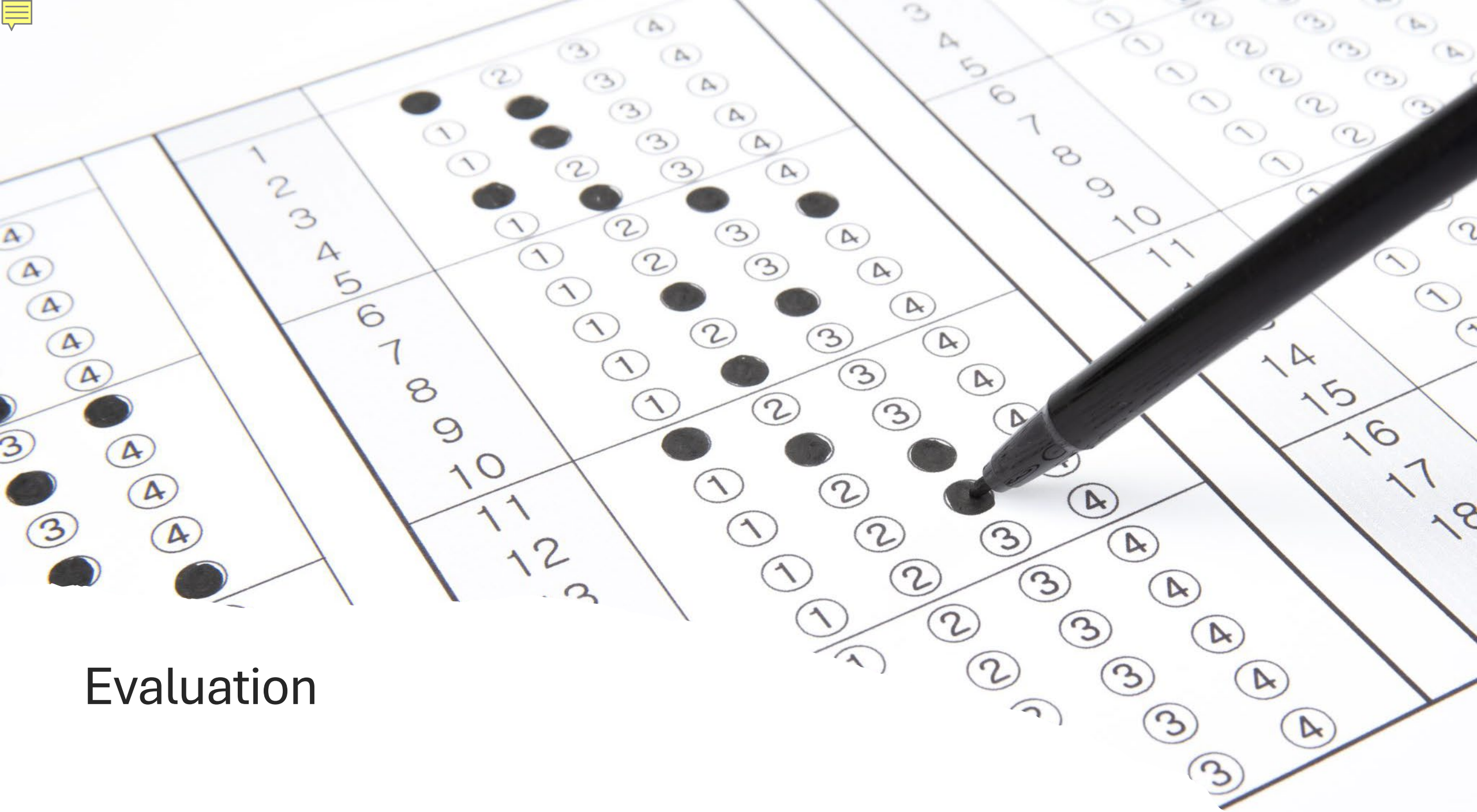
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Year: 2020-2021
School: Example School 1
District: Example District



Integration

- Tracks the relationship between instruction and behavior.
- Can test hypothesis and allow for a timely adjustment
- You don't always have to monitor both



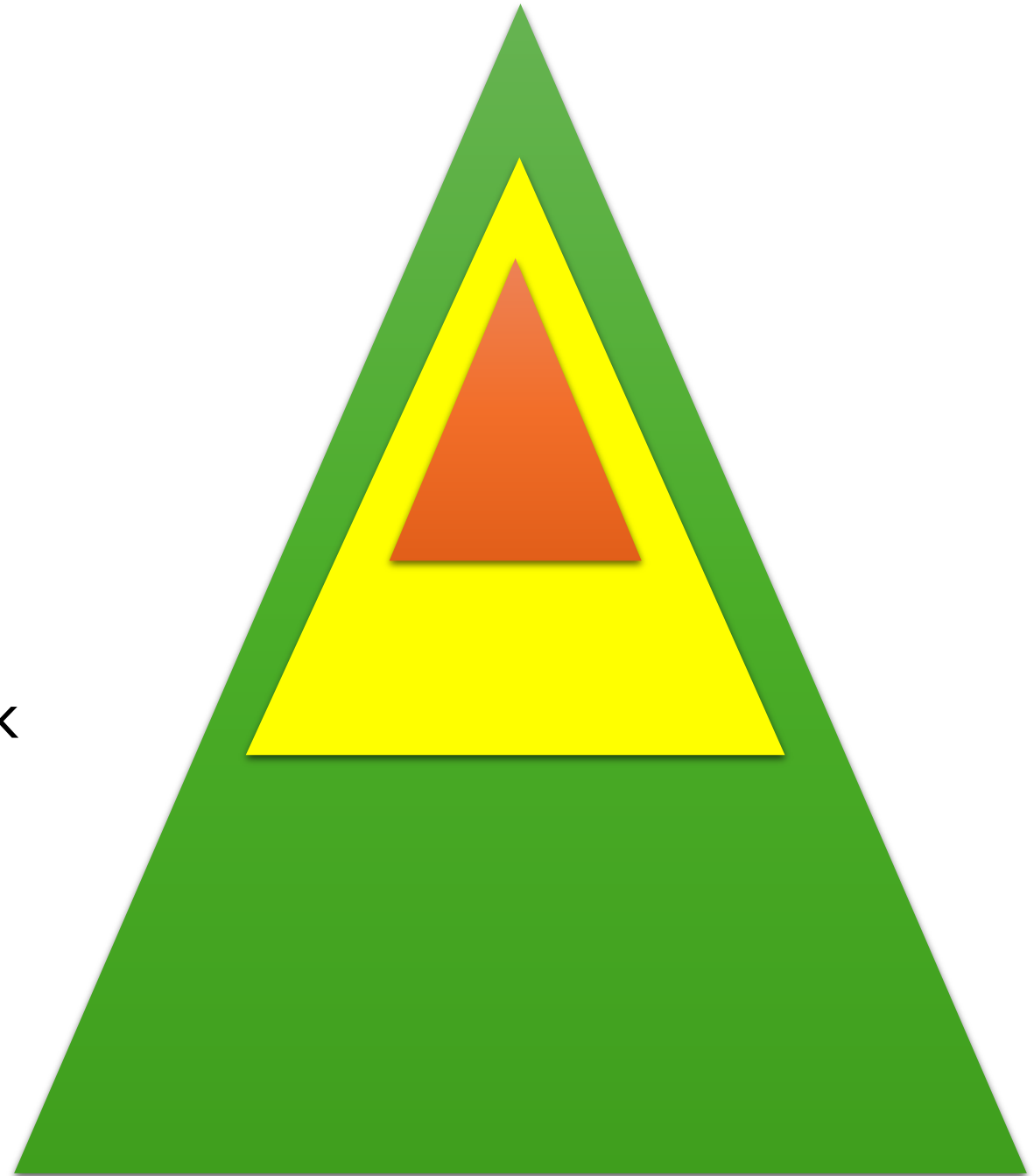


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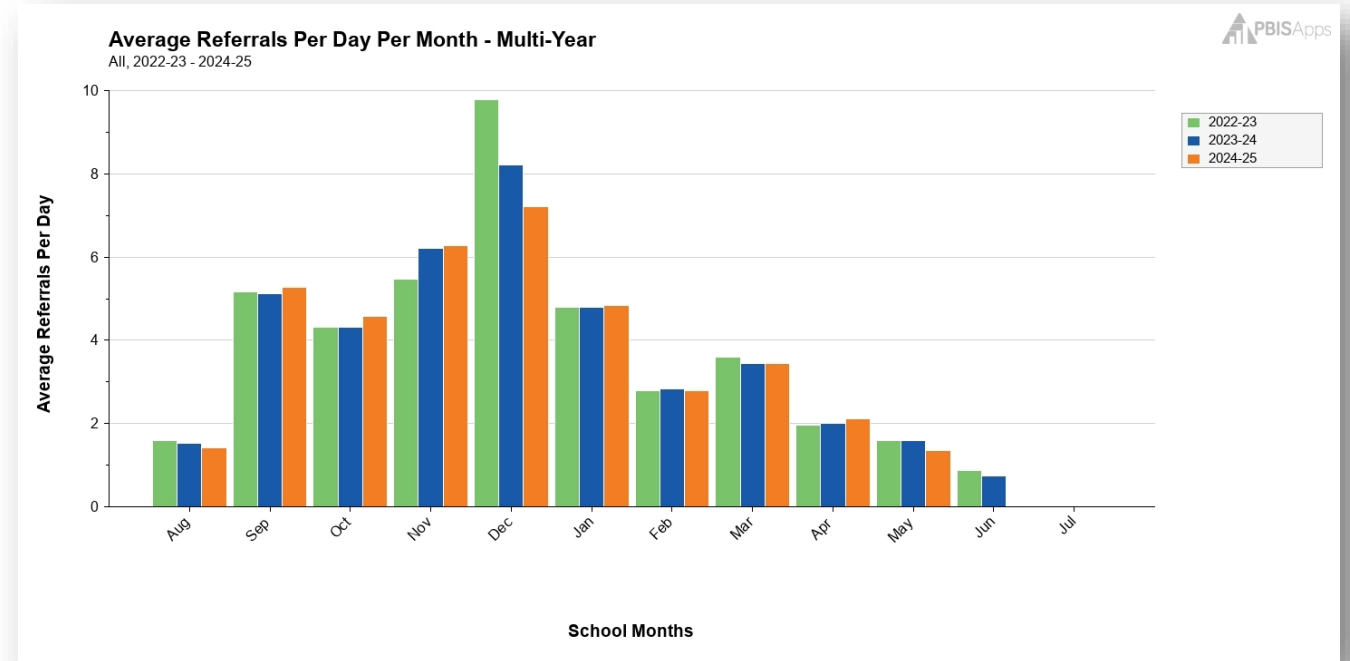
Summative Evaluation

- Global view of the health of the...
 - District
 - School
 - Classroom
 - Individual Student
- Evaluation of the MTSS Framework
- Response to Tier 1, 2, and 3



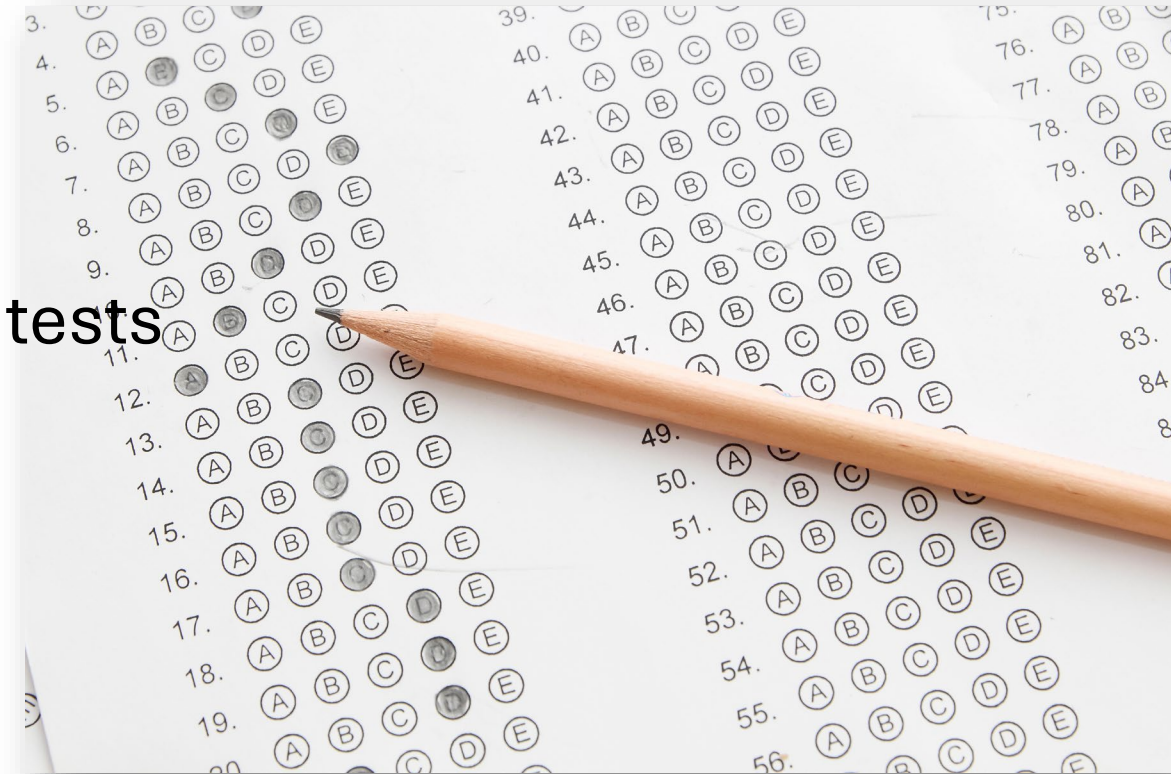
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- Implementation Fidelity Surveys
- Student Outcomes
 - Total ODRs
 - OSS/ISS
 - Attendance
 - Equity



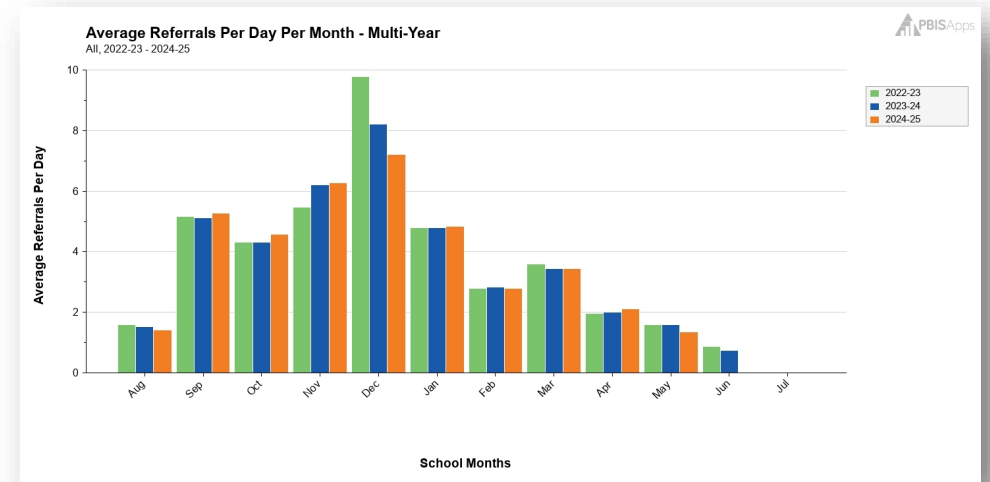
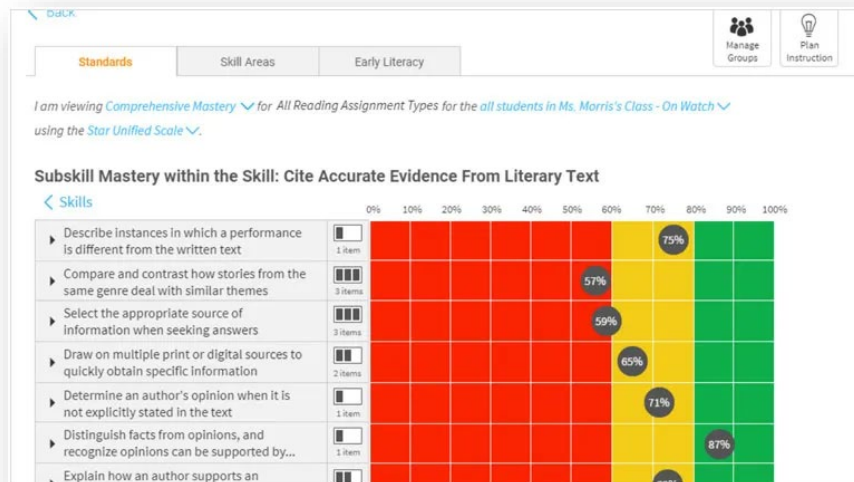
Academic

- Implementation fidelity measures
- State Accountability Tests (MAP)
- Benchmark Assessments
- End of Course Exams
- District required unit or placement tests
- Equity



Integrated Summative Data

- No need for Separate Assessments
- Report and analyze simultaneously
 - What gets counted counts
 - Interrelationship between behavior and academics





Think, Pair, Share

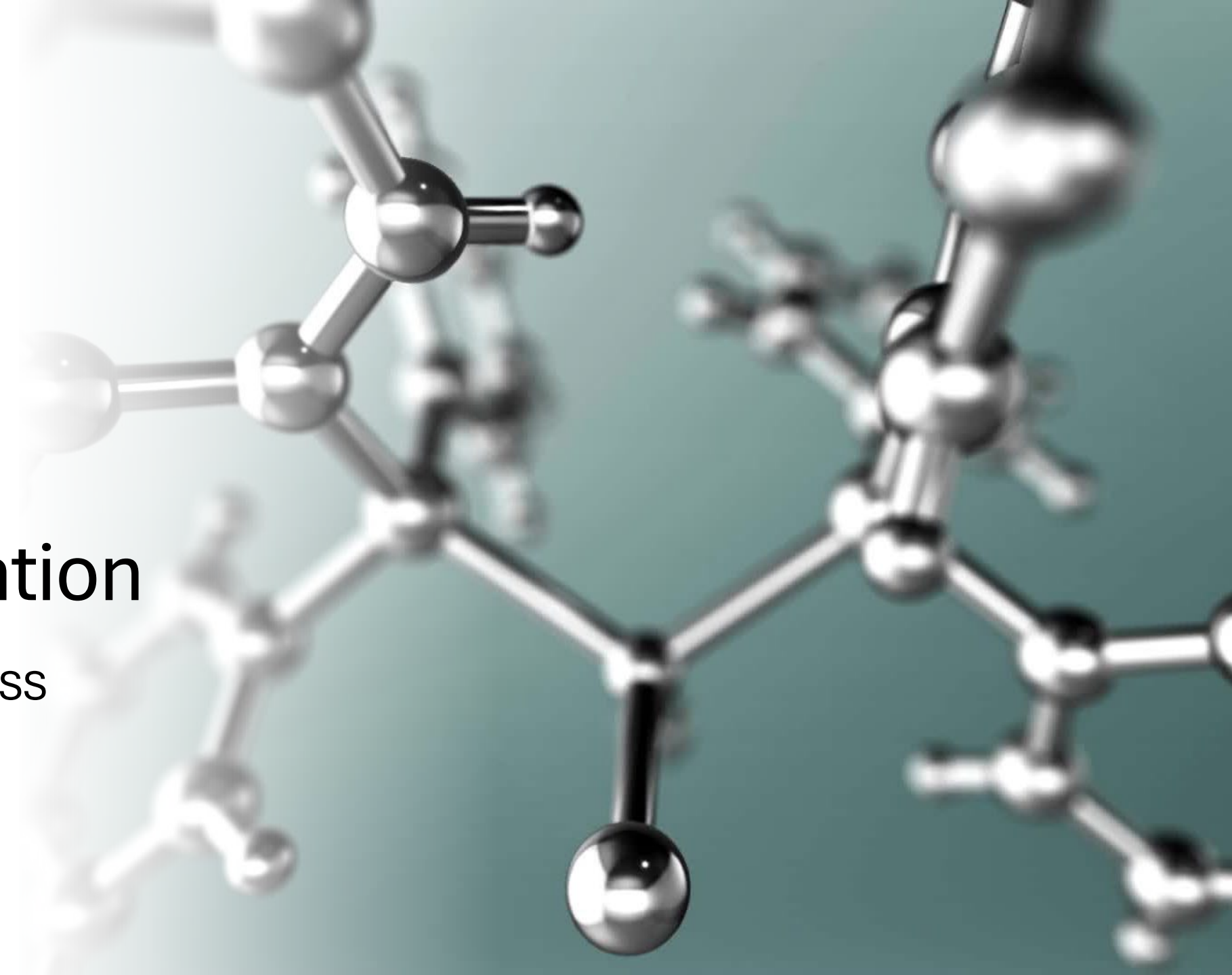
- Thinking in terms of the 5 types of Assessment data collected across the tiers, what data do you currently collect that applies to differentiation at Tier 1
 - Implementation
 - Screeners
 - Diagnostic
 - Progress Monitoring
 - Evaluation





Tier 1 Differentiation

in an Integrated MTSS





Tier 1 Options

Option A:

- Review classroom minor and ODR data to develop a Monthly Grade/content level wide intervention
- And, use quarterly benchmark data or monthly CFA data to differentiate academic instruction by need.

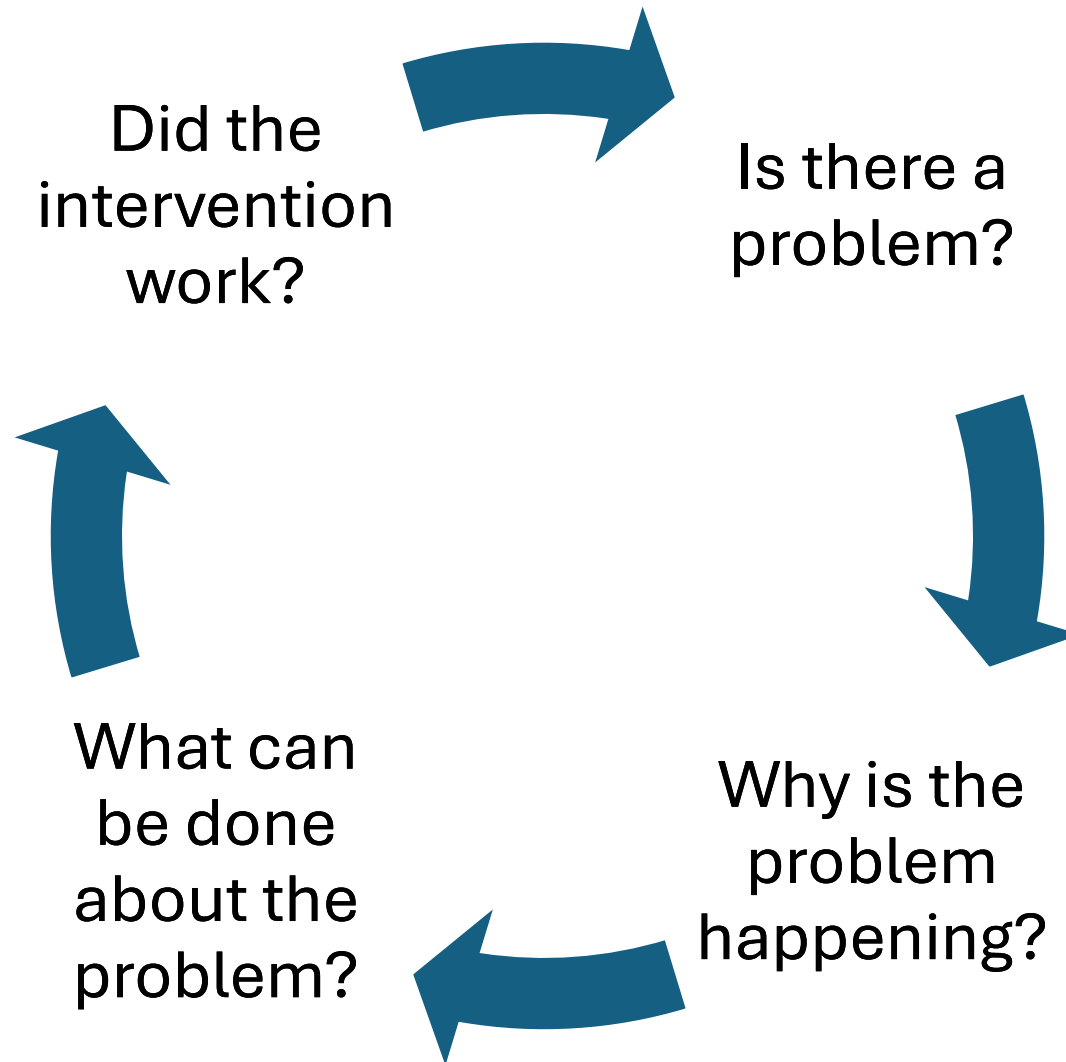
Option B:

- Review classroom minor/ODR data and quarterly benchmark/monthly CFA data to develop an integrated differentiation plan

Option B: Integrating Academic and Behavior Data

In Data-Based Decision-Making





Tilly 2008



Think, Pair, Share

- Does your school use a data decision making protocol? If so, what is it? Does it answer the questions:
 - Do we have a problem?
 - Why is the problem happening
 - What can we do about the problem
 - Did the intervention work?



Prerequisite

- Collaborative Data Team
- Common formative assessment/Benchmark Assessment
 - Common errors or misconceptions
- ODR/Classroom Minors documentation filtered





Common Formative Assessment

Why do students engage in contextually inappropriate behavior (mark all that apply)?

a) They didn't take their meds

b) Parents have poor parenting skills

c) The child wants to harm or embarrass the teacher

d) They do not know the behavior expectations

e) The unexpected behavior gets them something they need.

In the space below, explain the rationale for your response:



Think, Pair, Share

- How do you currently determine:
 - Specific Academic Skill deficits
 - Deficit in prerequisite skill
 - Misapplication of strategies
 - Lack of fluency
- How do you use this information?





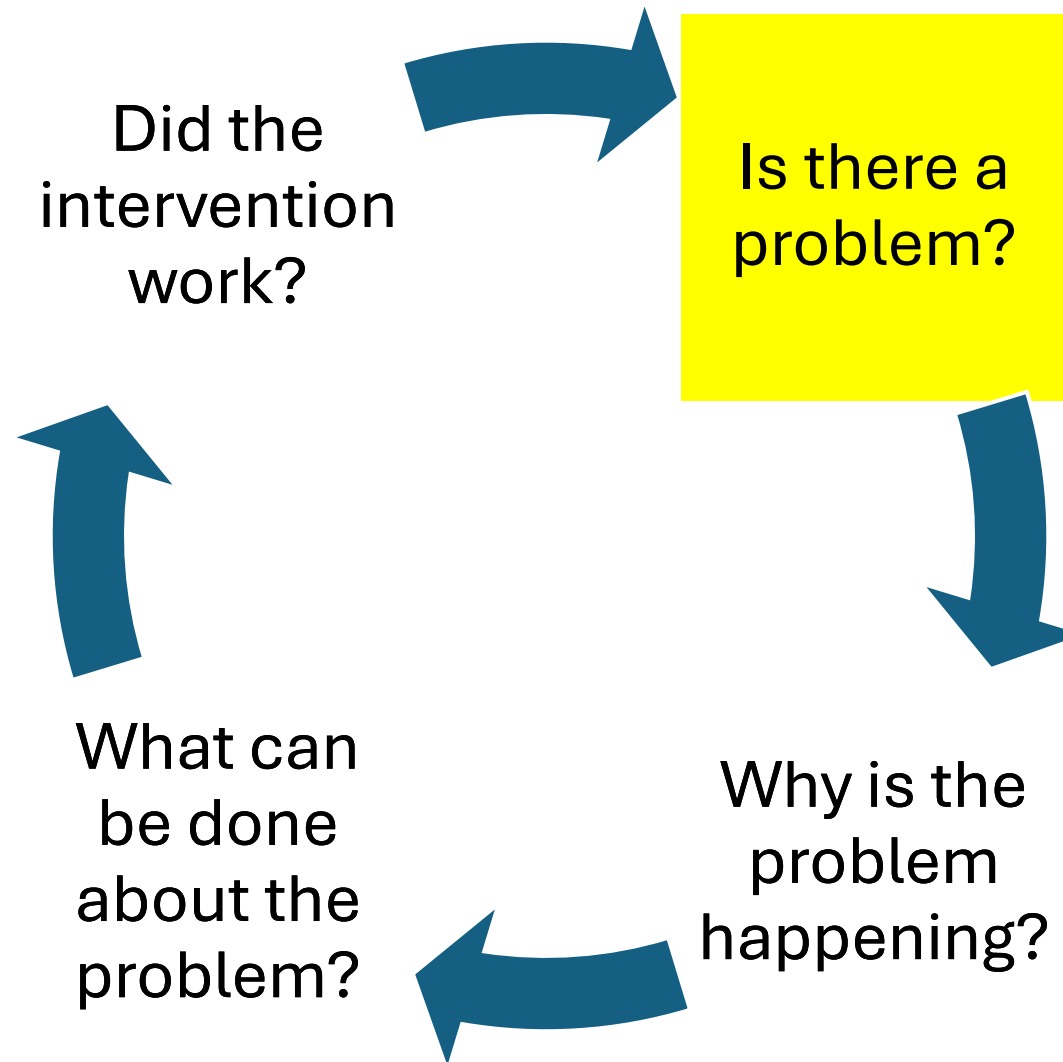
Behavior Data

ODRS

- Who
- What
- When
- Where
- Why

Minors

- Who
- When (activity)
- What
- Antecedent
- Consequence

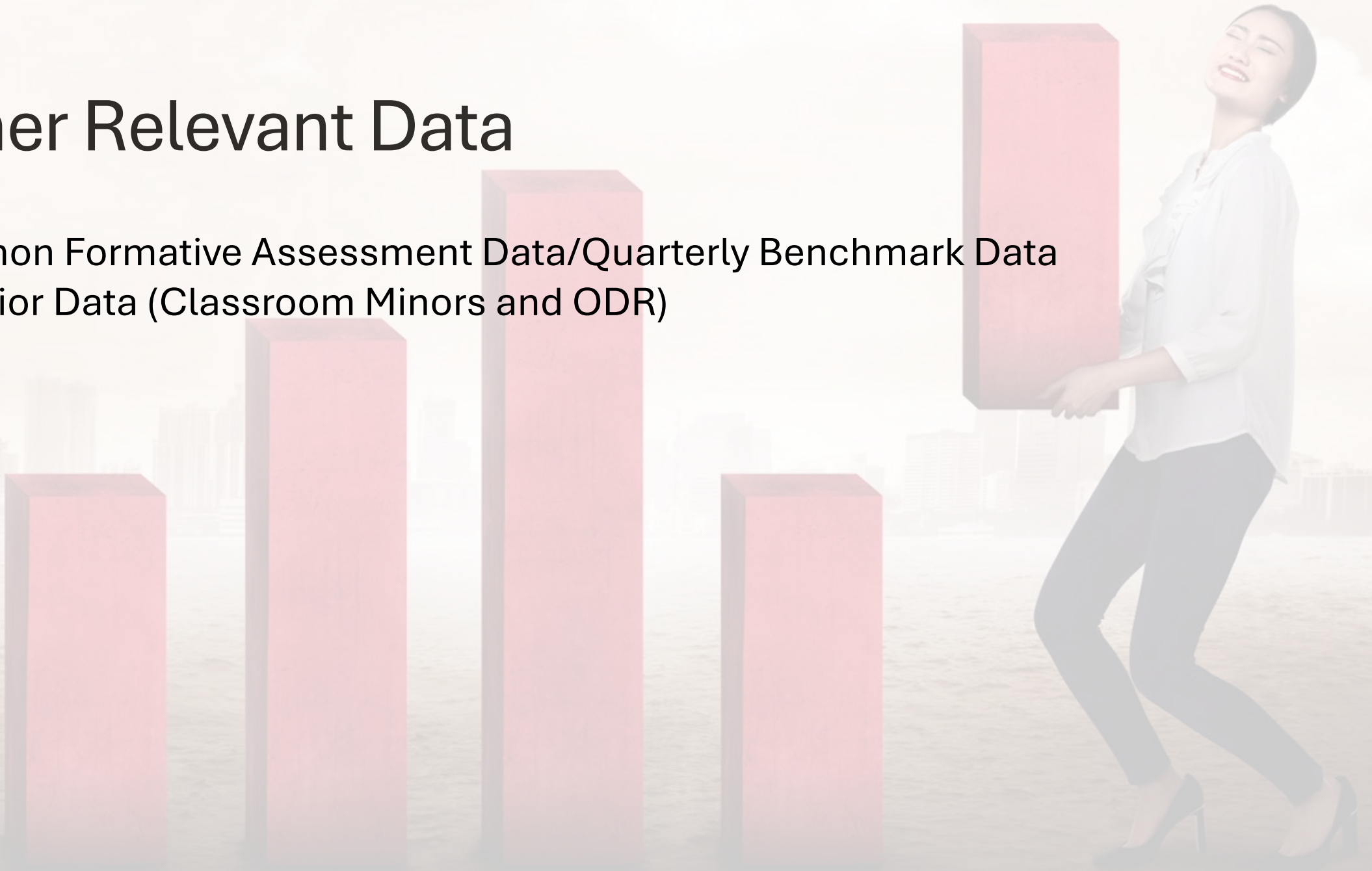


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Gather Relevant Data

- Common Formative Assessment Data/Quarterly Benchmark Data
- Behavior Data (Classroom Minors and ODR)





Gather Relevant Data

Decision Rule



Cut Score

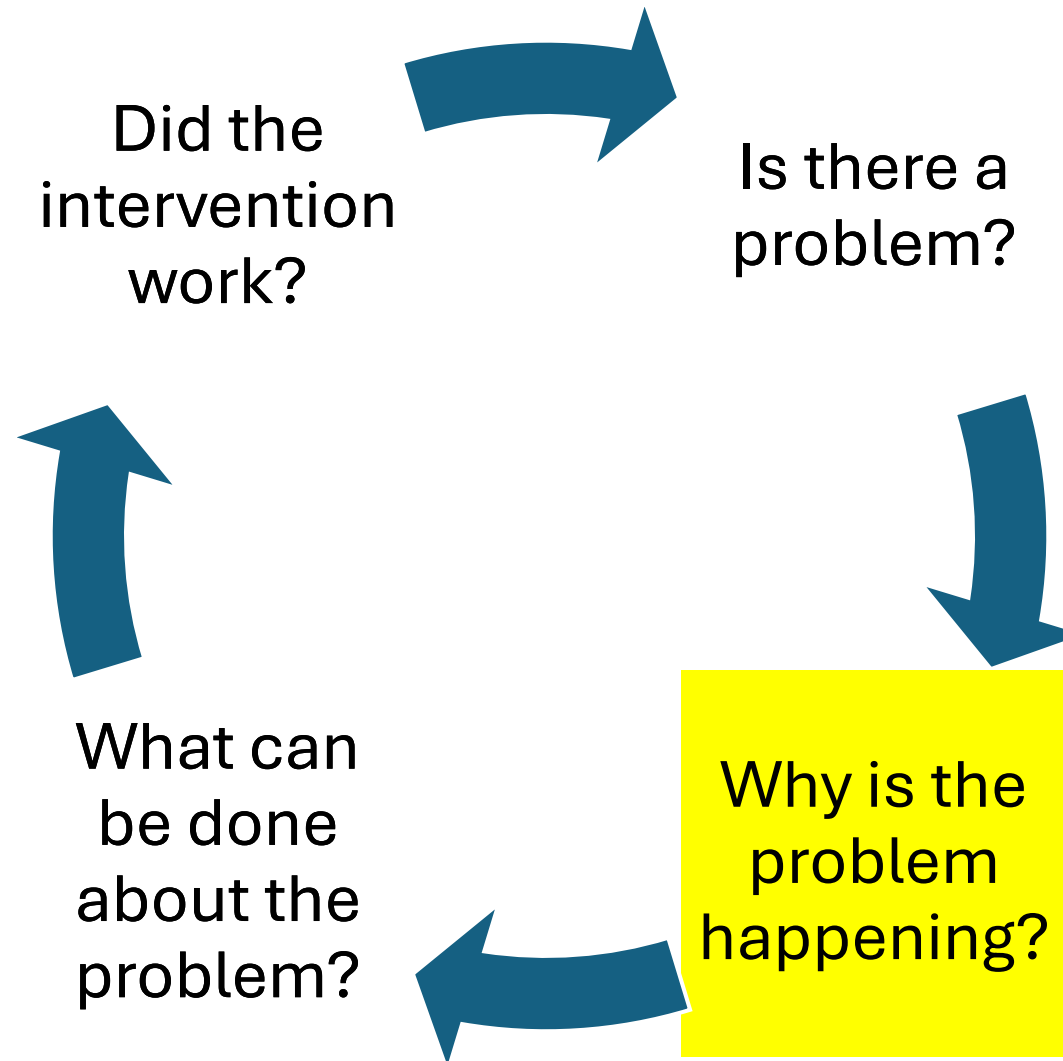
	Little or No Contextually Inappropriate Behavior	Moderate to Significant Contextually Inappropriate Minor and Major Behavior
Proficient	Zeppo Abbot Martin	Groucho Harpo Moe
Not Proficient	Larry	Chico Curly Costello Lewis



Think, Pair, Share

- Knowing what you know about academics the relationship between academics and behavior, what can you infer from grouping students by proficiency and behavior?





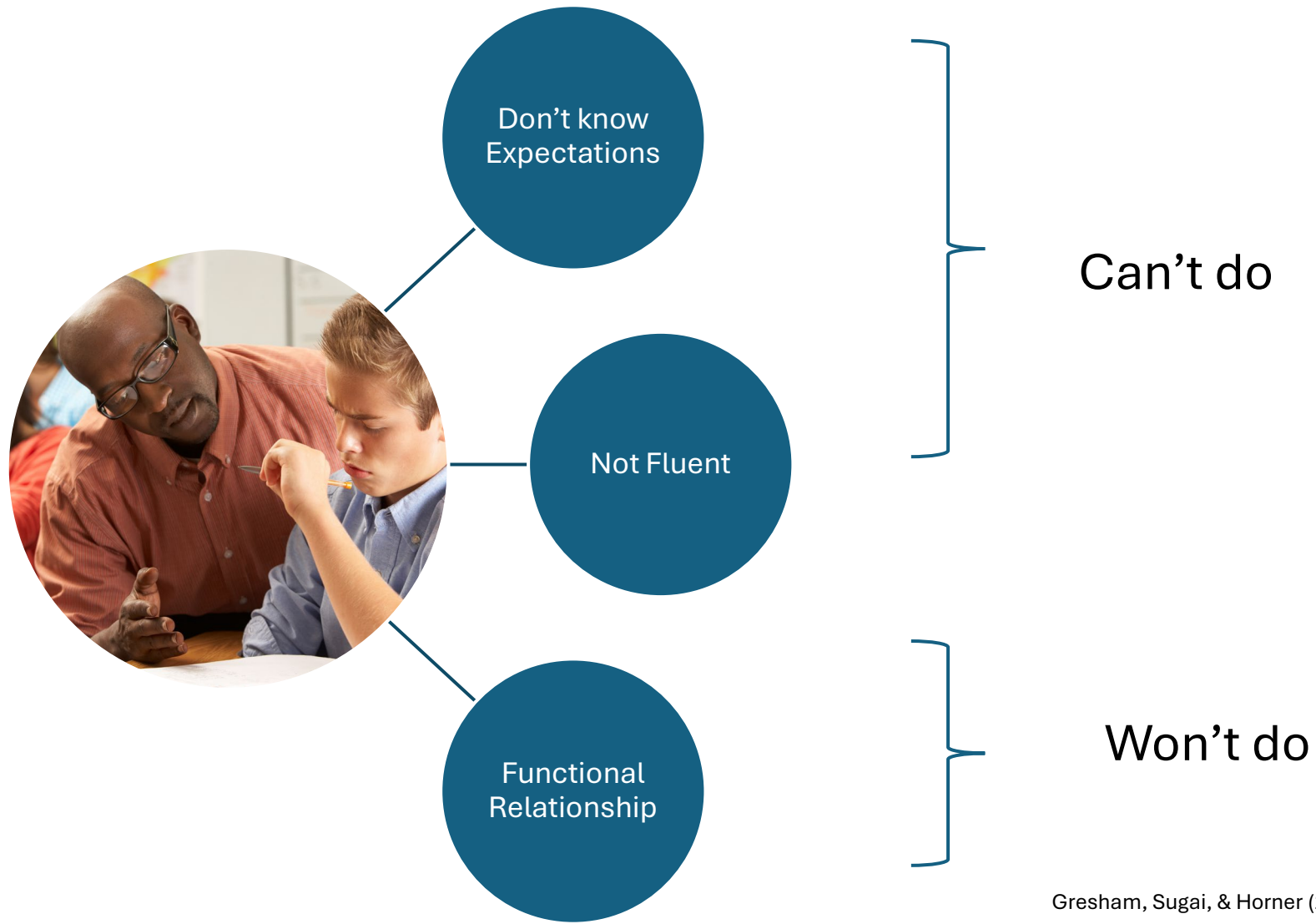
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Why Do Kids Engage in *Unexpected* Behavior?





Functional Relationship

Gain

- Adult Attention
- Peer Attention
- Access to Object or Activity

Escape

- Adult Attention
- Peer Attention
- Activity



Functional Assessment of Behavior and Academics

Behavior

To obtain

- Objects/activities
- Attention from peers
- Attention from adults

To Escape/avoid

- Activities
- Attention from peers
- Attention from adults

Academic

Can't do

- Accuracy issue
 - Issue with targeted skills
 - Issue with prerequisite skills
 - Application of misrules
- Fluency issue (not enough time doing it)
- Generalization issue
- Mismatch between skill level and task difficulty (too hard)

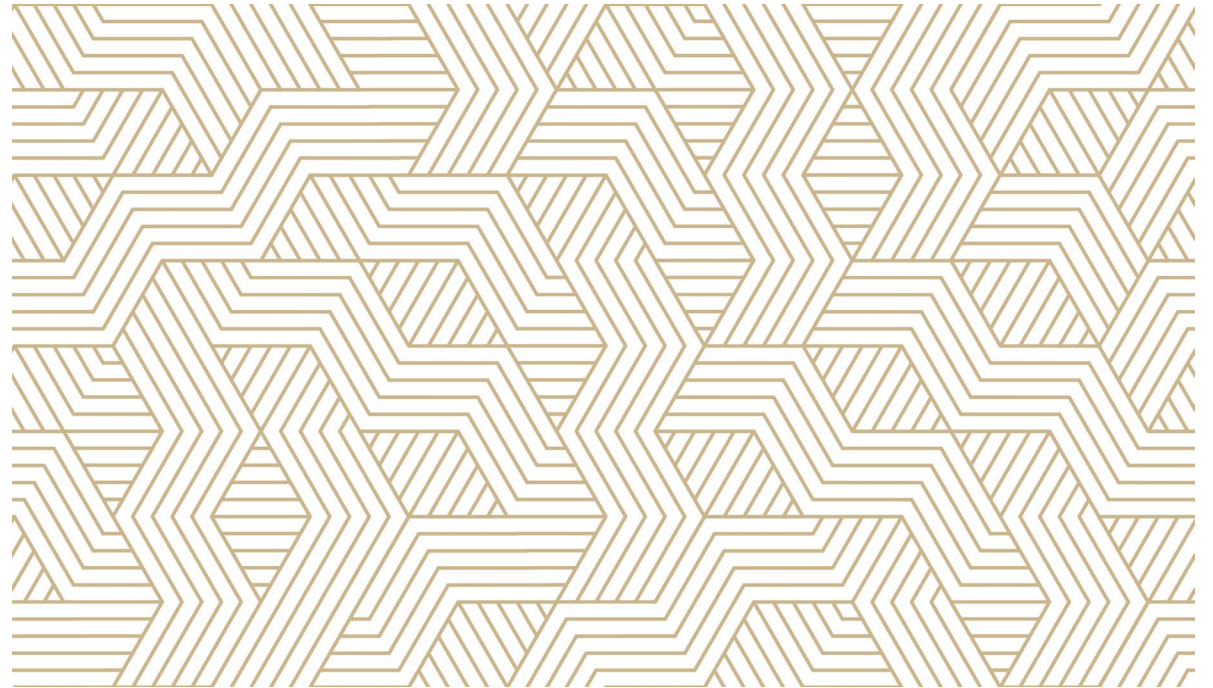
Won't do

- Motivational issue



Look for Patterns

- Who are the students who have common:
 - skill or knowledge deficits
 - prerequisite skill deficits
 - rule/strategy misapplications
 - fluency deficits
 - mastered content
- Who are the students engaging in unexpected behavior?
 - when (activity)
- Where do the two lists intersect?





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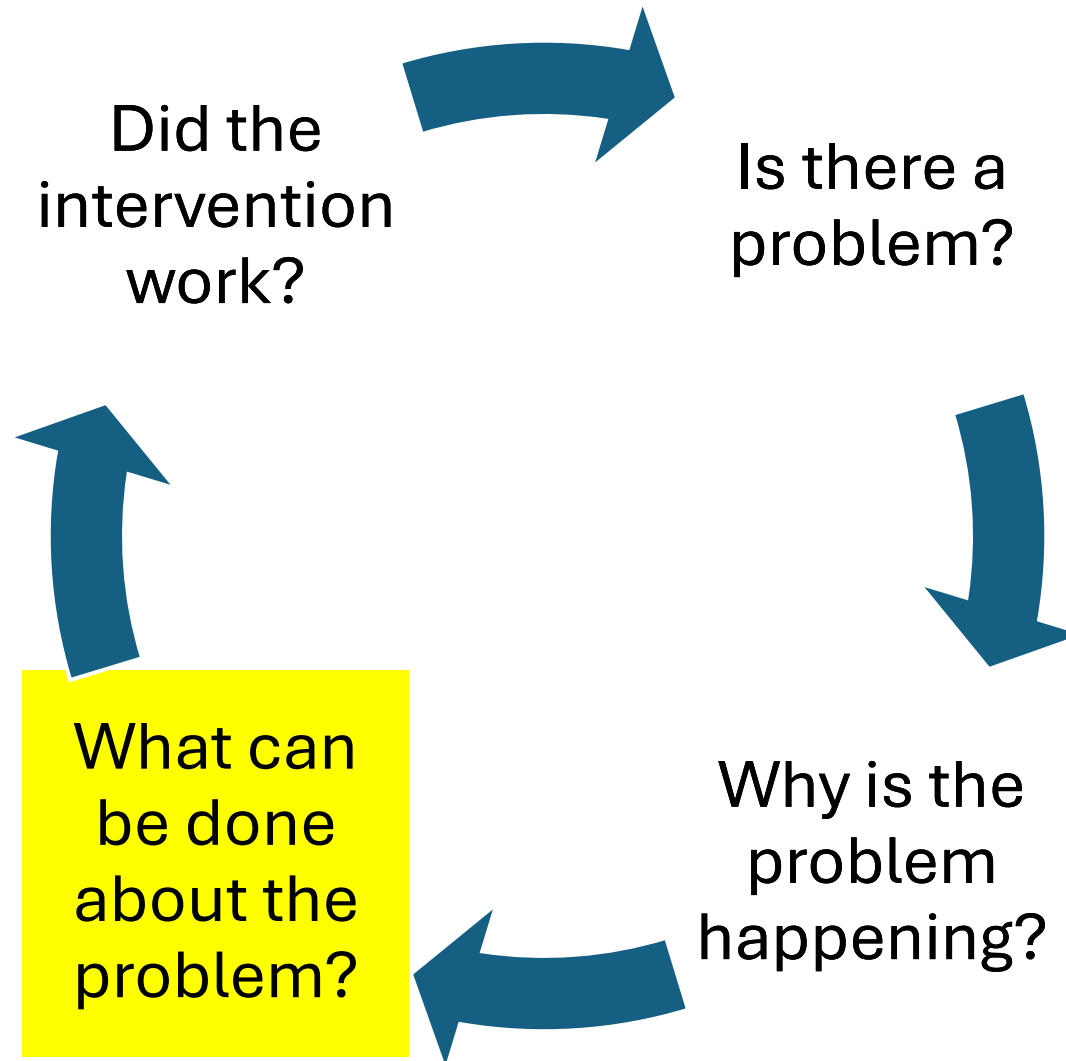


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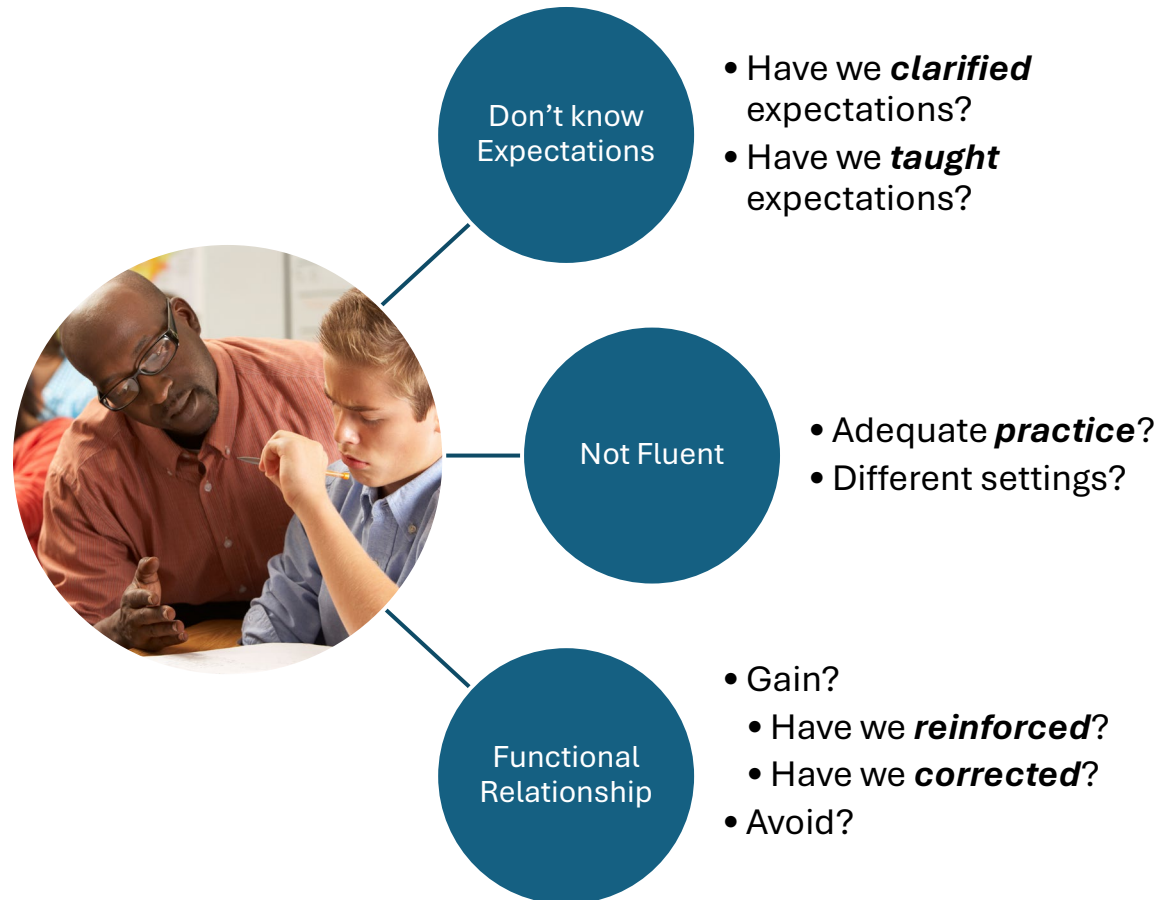
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Decision Rule

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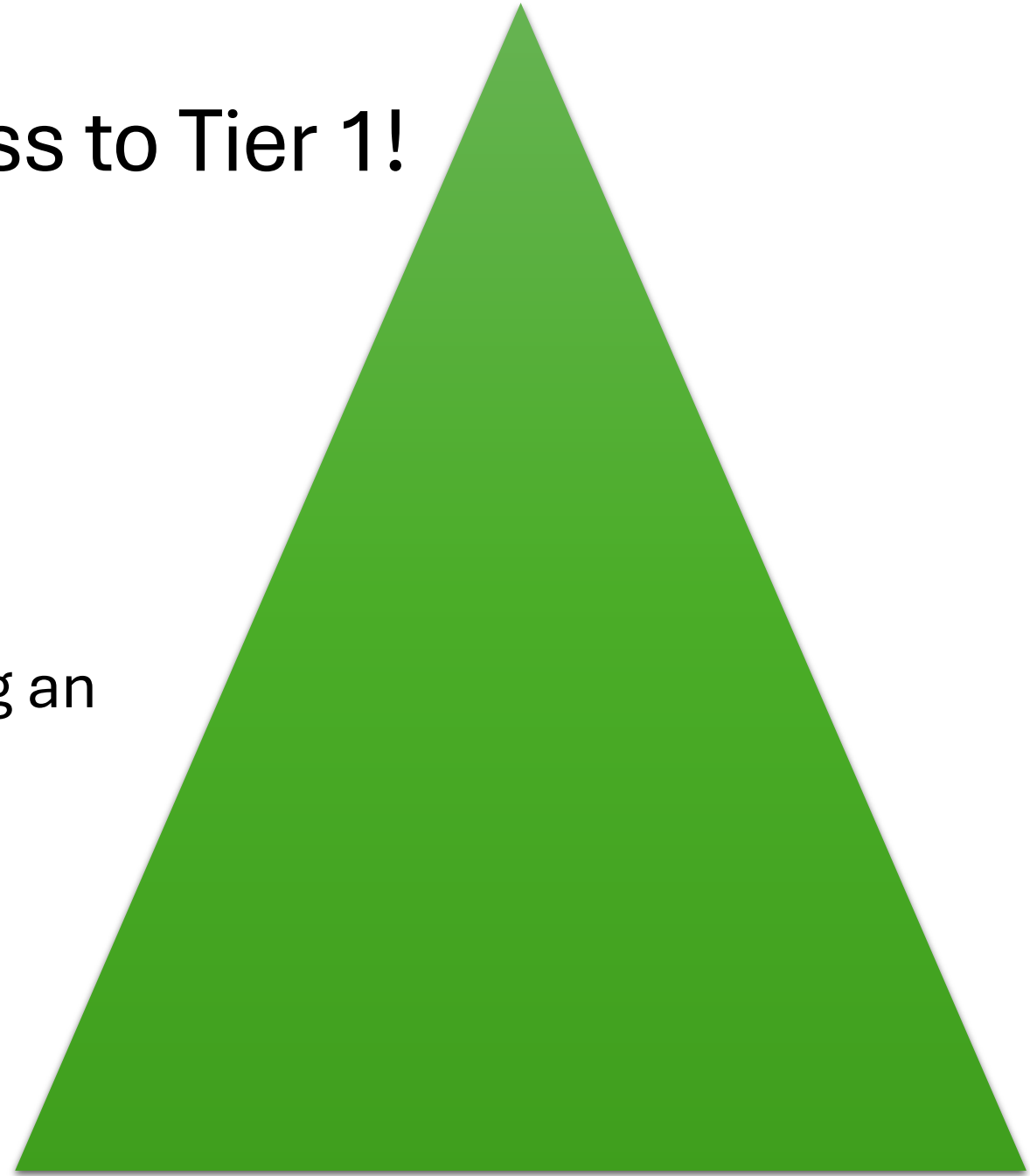
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Why Do Kids Engage in *Unexpected* Behavior?



Ensure Everyone has Access to Tier 1!

- Prevent unexpected behavior
- Teach expected behaviors
 - Practice expected behaviors
- Reinforce expected behaviors
- Correct unexpected behavior using an instructional approach





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Select Strategies: Integrated

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Effective Teaching and Learning Practices

- Expectations and Rules
- Procedures and Routines
- Acknowledging Expected Behavior
- Correcting Unexpected Behavior
- Active Supervision
- Opportunities to Respond
- Activity Sequencing and Choice
- Adjusting Task Difficulty



ETLP 7:Activity Sequencing & Choice

- Behavioral Momentum
- Task Interspersal
- Offer choices
 - Order
 - Location
 - Materials
 - Partner
 - Type of Task



ETLP 8: Adjusting Task Difficulty

- Duration or length of task
- Mode of task completion
- Extent of instruction or practice





Differentiation

- Content
- Process
- Products
- Learning Environment



Adjust duration or length

Adjusting the length or duration of the task can decrease frustration and therefore decrease problem behaviors. Ask yourself, “Will the student be able to complete the assignment if time or assignment length adjustments are made?” If the answer is “Yes,” it is appropriate to adjust the length or duration of the task. Some strategies include:

- Shorten the assignment
- Highlight those items the student is required to complete
- Chunk the assignment, so fewer items are on any given page
- Shorten work periods and break up with other tasks
- If multiple tasks are required, help the student to prioritize them, and focus on one at a time.
- Provide physical breaks between tasks
- Provide alternative times for the student to complete the task

Modality to Respond

In some cases, the student may not have prerequisite skills or physical skills required to do a task. Ask yourself: “Could the student do the work if the mode of responding was altered? Does the student have difficulty responding in a written format, orally, or when reading is involved?” If the answer is “yes” consider allowing a different modality for responding, such as:

- Allow a choice between responding orally or in writing
- Allow student to dictate response to a teacher, assistant, or peer
- Create guided notes to reduce amount of writing required
- Allow student to use a voice recorder for responses on tests or assignments
- Allow student to respond through art, dramatizations, etc.

Modality to Acquire Information

If the student has difficulty reading, consider:

- Including illustrations that help convey meaning
- Underline for the student important words in the text
- Create guided notes to limit reading and highlights important information
- Provide text on tape for the student
- Assign a partner to share reading requirements and to help the student with difficult words.

Increase Instruction or Practice

Finally, ask yourself, “Will the student be able to complete the tasks if (s)he has more instruction, guided, or individual practice?”, consider:

- Individually or in small groups teach, model, guided practice, independent practice new content with the student(s) (acquisition stage)
- Peer tutor for guided practice (fluency building stage)
- Reach 90% accuracy before moving to independent practice (fluency building stage)
- Use partners working with flashcards (fluency building stage)
- Use meaningful real-life examples for practice and application (mastery stage)



Create a Plan

- Goal
- Practice/strategy
- Action steps
- Resources
- Person(s) responsible
- Timeline
- Evidence of completion

Lesson Plan



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Implement Change



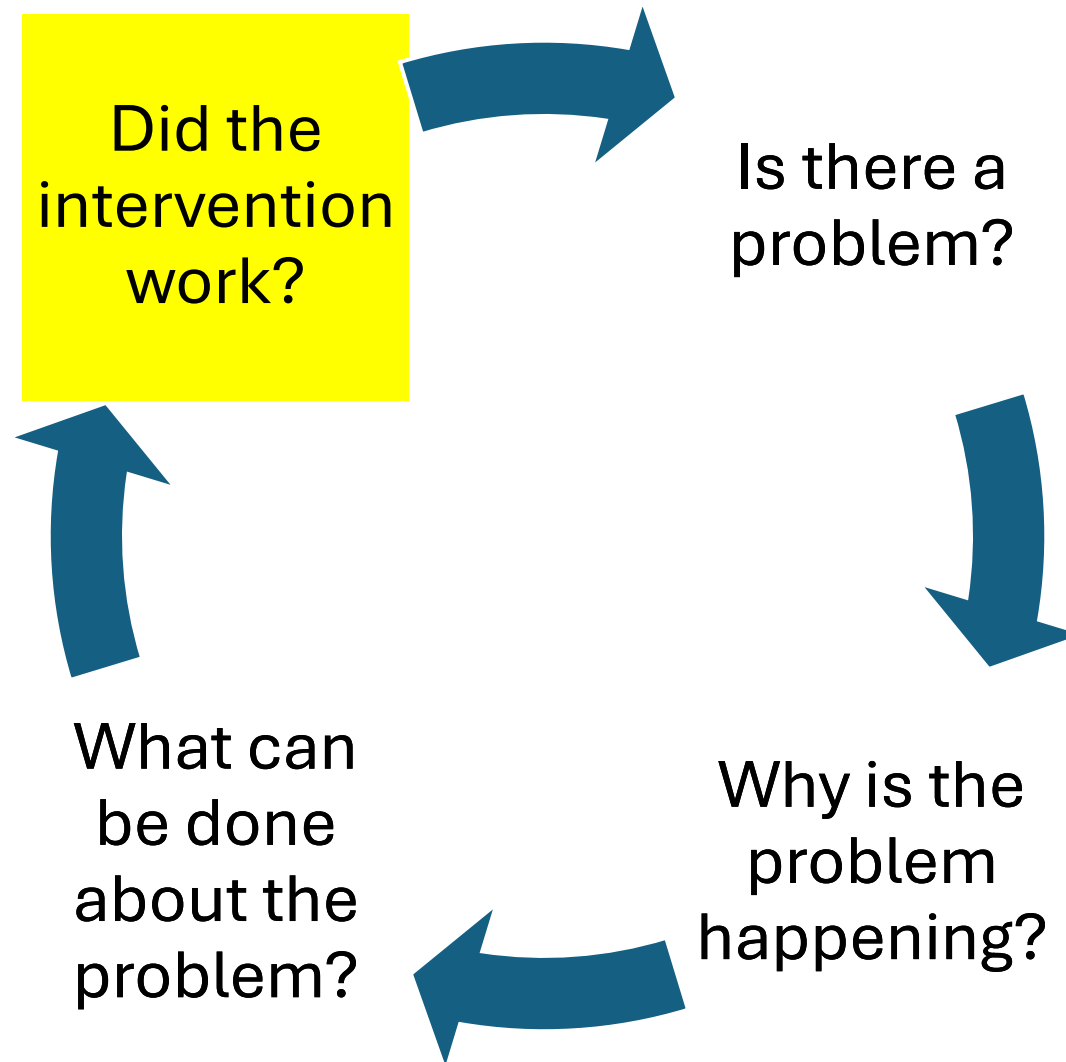
Are we
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progress?

Results Indicators

If adults _____, then we should see students _____.

If adults teach students to ask for help, then we should see students ask for help when stuck.

If adults teach students a decoding strategy, then we should see students using the decoding strategy.



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Evaluate Plan

	Goal not met	Goal met
Plan not implemented	<p>Are there obstacles to implementation?</p> <p>Yes: Modify plan to eliminate the obstacles.</p> <p>No: Implement the plan.</p>	<p>Look at data to determine <i>why</i> the goal was achieved, so you can replicate.</p>
Plan implemented	<p>Re-analyze data; develop an alternate hypotheses; modify the plan to address the alternative hypothesis.</p>	<p>Plan for sustained implementation.</p> <p>Return to data to identify a new problem to address.</p>



Then we systematically repeat...

- Creating cycles of continuous improvement.



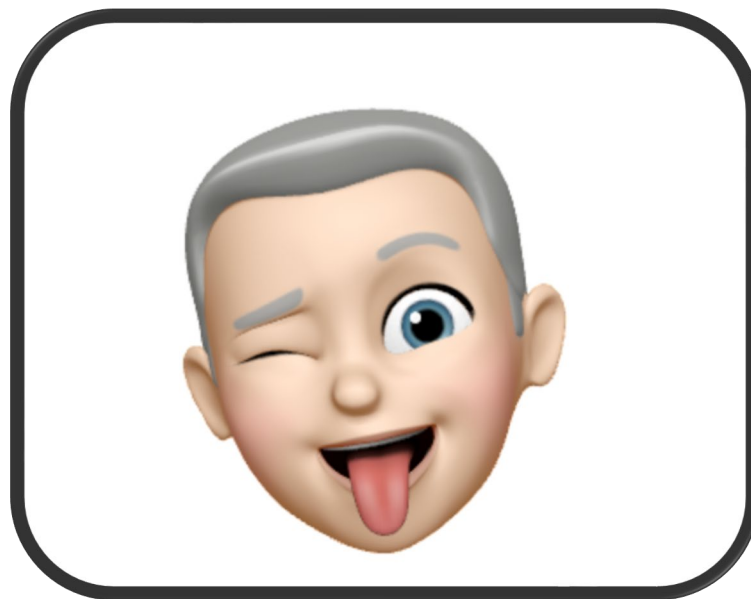


Make a Commitment

- What will you commit to?
- Tell a partner.



Questions?!?



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