## **Implementing Effective Instructional Practices**

## Studies indicate that time on-task is positively associated with academic achievement.

• Students are actively engaged in learning 84% of the time during teacher-led activities and only 70% of the time during seatwork. (*Educational Research & Dissemination (ER & D) Foundation Study*)

Up to 50% of the school day is spent on non-instructional activities in general and special education classrooms. (Good 1983; Thurlow et al., 1983)

Numbers Refer to Instructional Videos Listed on Next Page	Effective Teachers Do UETS-based Jordan Performance Appraisal System (JPAS) Indicators (2013)
3 and 15	Begin each lesson with a short review of previous learning  indicator 18: emphasize important parts of a lesson  indicator 20: determine what skills and knowledge they already possess  indicator 21: begin lessons with advance organizers, brief overview  indicator 25: explicitly state the goals, objectives, and learning expectations
2, 6, and 12	Present new material in small steps with student practice after each step  indicator 16: demonstrations and guided-practice  Ask a large number of questions and check the responses of all students  indicator 17: illustrate relationships and make associations  indicator 28: wait time of 3-5 seconds  indicator 30: provide opportunities to work cooperatively with peers  indicator 34: brainstorm for ideas
1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 13	Guide student practice  indicator 15: examples, non-examples, synonyms, comparisons, and contrasts  indicator 37: rephrase and provide prompts to lead students to correct answer  Check for understanding  indicator 14: ask factual questions that focus on academic content  indicator 22: use specific teaching strategies: graphic organizers, study guides, etc.  indicator 26: include goals, expectations, questions, demonstrations, and applications  indicator 27: ask higher level questions to develop thinking skills  indicator 29: sustain interaction by asking follow-up questions  indicator 31: "coach" students through the problem solving process  indicator 32: provide activities in which students think about cause and effect
14	Obtain a high success rate  indicator 35: give clear and complete directions/show how to complete tasks
11	Provide scaffolds for difficult tasks  ➤ indicator 23: provide a logical structure and sequence of lessons
16	Require and monitor independent practice  indicator 36: circulate past every student to make sure assigned work is being done  indicator 38: prompt, elaborate on, and reteach academic concepts
17	Engage students in weekly and monthly review  indicator 19: frequently review and summarize important concepts

## **Effective Teachers Do Not...**

- ❖ Sit at their desks while the students work quietly.
- ❖ Give the students a worksheet and expect them to learn new material.
- ❖ Hand out packets of work for students to complete independently.
- ❖ Make the students sit and wait while they pull the lesson materials together.
- ❖ Teach "whole-group" for the majority of the day.
- Give students busy work such as coloring worksheets, crossword puzzles, and word searches.



