MO SW-PBS TEACHER TOOL
MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO RESPOND

PRACTICE: Multiple Opportunities to Respond (OTR)

RESEARCH STATES:
The research supports the use of providing multiple opportunities to respond to:

- Decrease in disruptive behavior
- Increase in on-task behavior
- Increase in academic engagement with instruction
- Increase in rates of positive, specific feedback (Carnine, 1976; Heward, 1994; Sutherland, Alder, & Gunter, 2003; Sutherland & Wehby, 2001; West & Sloane, 1986)

- Improved Reading Performance:
  - Increased percentage of reading responses,
  - Mastery of reading words,
  - Rates of words read correctly and decreased rates of words read incorrectly (Skinner, Belfior, Mace, Williams-Wilson, & Johns, 1997).

- Improved Math Performance:
  - Percentage of problems calculated correctly per minutes,
  - Number of problems completed and correct responses. (Carnine, 1976; Skinner, Smith & McLean, 1994)

What is it?
- An instructional question, statement or gesture made by the teacher seeking an academic response from students (Sprick, Knight, Reinke, & McKale 2006)

What are the guidelines?
- Teacher talk should be no more than 40-50% of instructional time.
- New material–minimum of 4-6 responses per minute with 80% accuracy.
- Review of learned material–8-12 responses per minute with 90% accuracy.
- Wait time equals 5 seconds.

Practice
- Identify opportunities within your lesson plans to increase opportunities for students to respond. Identify opportunities to replace single student responding through hand-raising with multiple student responding through strategies such as: use of response cards, dry erase boards, Smart Boards, white boards, response clickers, choral response, guided notes, computer assisted instruction, classwide peer tutoring and direct instruction

Examples of Opportunities to Respond

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<th>Antecedent</th>
<th>Behavior</th>
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<td>Teacher provides: Verbal Questions, Prompts, Cues</td>
<td>Student Responses: Written, Choral Verbal, Motor</td>
<td>Teacher Provides: Specific, Positive Feedback</td>
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<td>Teacher says, &quot;When I give the signal everyone answer this question: What is 5 times 6?&quot; Teacher waits a few seconds and gives signal.</td>
<td>Students chorally respond, &quot;30&quot; Repeat 3 times.</td>
<td>Teacher says, &quot;Yes! The correct answer is 30.&quot; Teacher ignores error responses, gives correct response. Asks same question again.</td>
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Teacher Self-Assessment Tool

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<td>1. Strategy: Providing Multiple Opportunities to Respond</td>
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<td>2. I use a variety of strategies to increase student opportunities to respond.</td>
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<td>3. I have a strategy to track students being called on.</td>
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<td>4. I use wait time to increase student opportunity for metacognition.</td>
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<td>5. I plan instructional questions and response methods prior to the lesson.</td>
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Measureable goal to increase opportunities to respond:
References


Sutherland, K. S., Adler, N., & Gunter P. L. (2003). The effect of varying rates of opportunities to respond on academic request on the classroom behavior of students with EBD. *Journal of Emotional and Behavioral Disorders* (11), 239-248.


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