Essential Practices Instruction

Educators implement specific instructional strategies that support Multilingual learners in accessing and producing the grade-level academic language and content knowledge.

	Description	Examples	Frequency	Notes
Build Background	Instruction bridges to students' previous knowledge, experience, and capabilities.	Language Experience Realia Brainstorm Walk Hanging Hashtags Be a Detective Virtual Field Trip Snippet Anticipation Guide Anticipation Creation I Notice, I Wonder Reverse Read	☐ Always ☐ Often ☐ Sometimes ☐ Rarely	
Clarify Input	Students clearly understand the input. Spoken and written language is clarified for each English proficiency level.	Dramatize It Total Physical Response Visuals Sentence Frames Wordbanks High Interest Low Readability Texts 5 and 2 Teach! Teach! Anchor Charts Learning 1-2-3 Make your Mark Double Vision Video Echo Echo Guided Notes Prediction Cafe	☐ Always ☐ Often ☐ Sometimes ☐ Rarely	
Fortify Output	Students are given multiple writing and speaking opportunities that are authentic, targeted, and meaningful. Through these activities, their language becomes stronger and clearer.	Find Your Match Writing Windows Inside Outside Circle I am Monologues Respond with RACE Conversation Grids Think Write Pair Share Clock Buddies Speaking in Paragraphs Written Conversation Writing Using Text Types Mix and Match with Constructed Response Dialogue Journal Which Corner? Information Exchange A Reader, Reporter and Announcer Jigsaw Fortune/Misfortune Numbered Heads Together	☐ Always ☐ Often ☐ Sometimes ☐ Rarely	
Foster Interactions	Students participate in authentic interactions in which they communicate for meaning.	Directed Discourse Find the Fib Common Thread Do You Know? Opinion Continuum The Expert and the Novice Don't Mention It Tell More Fishbowl Review Same Scene Twice QSSA T Chart, Pair, Defend Pro Con Improv	☐ Always ☐ Often ☐ Sometimes ☐ Rarely	
Develop Academic Language	Student development of grade-level academic vocabulary, sentences, and message discourse results from explicit teaching, modeling, and practice.	Vocab Go Fish 360 Words - Move it! Make It! Mean it! Building with Bricks and Mortar Sentence Scramble Sticky Thinking Cloze Sentences It's in the Details Word Walls Simultaneous Round Table Text Types Single Word Flip Books Draw that Idiom Vocabulary Rating Direct Teaching Affixes Single Word Flash Cards	☐ Always ☐ Often ☐ Sometimes ☐ Rarely	
Cultural Relevance: CLEAR	Instruction honors, respects, validates and incorporates the cultural, racial, ethnic and linguistic identities of students.	Language Buddies Collaborative Groups Investigate a language Translanguaging CLEAR	☐ Always ☐ Often ☐ Sometimes ☐ Rarely	

Essential Practices: To create radically effective and equitable learning experiences for Multilingual students, educators incorporate Essential Practices into their instruction and school culture. These practices accelerate language development and support cultural ways of knowing and being for Multilingual students.

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