

FIM ELA - Early Literacy - Partners in Practice

The Institute for Excellence in Education's *Partners in Practice* is a unique program that brings personalized professional development into your early literacy classrooms. The program utilizes the FIM Early Literacy model to start your youngest learners off strong. IEE partners spend *full days* in classrooms, working one-on-one with teachers to implement FIM Early Literacy, review current practices, and facilitate new strategies that will increase literacy achievement in grades K-3. This is done on a rotational basis working with each grade-level teacher.

The IEE *Partners in Practice* activities include:

(all activities are done collaboratively with the classroom teacher)

FIM ELA Early Literacy

- Develop reading foundational skills
- Facilitate close and critical reading skills
- Support strong speaking and listening skills
- Explore text dependent questioning

Collaborative Literacy Inventory

- Examine practices during the 90-minute literacy block
- Determine if the block meets the needs of individual learners
- Review instructional materials
- Explore current RTI systems and practices

Modeling and Co-teaching

- Co-teach and model lessons during the 90-minute reading block
- Reflect upon lessons and collaboratively co-plan for upcoming instruction
- Model best practices for student engagement, transitions, re-grouping, etc.
- Support the creation and implementation of small group instruction

Data-Driven Instruction

- Examine classroom data to create *Informal Reading Assessments*
- Utilize data from *IRA* to meet the needs of individual learners
- Support benchmark data analysis (if not currently in place through other coaching means)
- Support the implementation of RTI systems within the classroom

Classroom Culture and Environment

- Identify practices that create a literacy-rich environment
- Examine the daily schedule for literacy efficiency
- Explore or create learning norms that support efficient learning structures
- Focus on building student efficacy in literacy
- Support the teacher in all content areas to develop content literacy strategies

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