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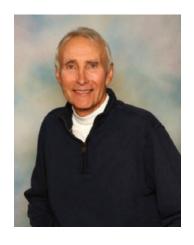
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## Preface

Common Core curriculum standards, differentiated instruction, new educational technologies, special populations in the general education classroom, cognitive and academic language proficiency, and new legislative initiatives, such as Race to the Top and Response to Intervention, are but a few of the developments that continue to change the face of classroom teaching. This book has been written to help you prepare to meet these challenges and to discover the opportunities for professional growth and advancement they provide.

This ninth edition of *Effective Teaching Methods: Research-based Practice* continues to strengthen the four goals of previous editions, which are as follows:

- To present teaching practices derived from the newest classroom research selected for their effectiveness with learners. The results have made it possible to replace many age-old anecdotal suggestions for good teaching with modern-day research-based teaching practices that are empirically related to positive outcomes in learners. Describing these teaching practices and how to use them in your classroom to become an effective teacher is a major focus of this book.
- To describe these effective teaching practices in a friendly, conversational manner. The language of classrooms is informal, and there is no reason a book about teachers in classrooms should not use the same language. Therefore, this book talks straight, avoiding complicated prescriptions, rambling discussions, or pseudo-scholarly language. The intent is to get the point across quickly and in a user-friendly style so that you can immediately apply what is presented in the classroom.
- To be practical. Positive prescriptions for your classroom teaching show you how to engage students in the learning process, manage your classroom, and increase student achievement in today's diverse classrooms. This book tells you what to do to obtain these results in a succinct and orderly fashion with extensive examples from classroom videos, written classroom dialogues, and case studies.
- To be realistic. Some of the literature on effective teaching is theoretical and speculative. This
  book describes what the research says teachers do in real classrooms to be effective and identifies the teaching practices they have found to be effective. Nothing in this book is pie-in-the-sky
  theorizing about effective teaching, because most of what is presented results directly from
  years of research and observation of effective teaching practices in actual classrooms.

These, then, are this book's four goals: to illustrate how to apply effective, research-based teaching practices, presented in a conversational style, that are practical and realistic in today's diverse classrooms.

#### **New to This Edition**

Users of earlier editions of *Effective Teaching Methods* will notice that each chapter has been revised. The rapid pace of change and new research occurring in nearly every aspect of teaching has resulted in a ninth edition that considerably updates and extends earlier editions and provides an extensive complement of features to get beginning teachers confident and up to speed on their very first day of classroom observation and practice teaching.

These updates include new content and applications that:

- Extend the Common Core Standards and their application in the classroom. These updates discuss research-based strategies, methods, and practices used by effective teachers that can help you achieve these standards. (Chapter 5)
- Add Learning Outcomes that frame the content of the chapters and tie to each major section, and then summary statements at the end of the chapter.
- Explain and provide strategies for learners who are at risk of school failure because of their
  cognitive academic language proficiency (CALP). When these learning strategies are not
  provided, the result can be performance below the learner's potential beginning a cycle of
  deficiencies that promote poor self-concept, misbehavior, and disinterest in school, contributing to a high drop-out rate. (Chapter 3)
- Provide strategies for contributing to the Positive Behavior Intervention in Schools (PBIS) program in your school. Students who engage in problem behaviors, such as disruption, noncompliance, and aggression, continue to challenge teachers. This new addition provides you with specific steps for improving a learner's behavior consistent with this nationally recognized applied behavior intervention plan. (Chapter 4)
- Present a practical step-by-step account of the ongoing transition from No Child Left Behind (NCLB) to Race to the Top (RTT) that will affect your teaching and your learners. This update maps the transition from No Child Left Behind legislation to new mandates to evaluate the academic performance and contribute to the progress of every child with a disability in the general curriculum. (Chapter 13)
- Illustrate the Gradual Release of Responsibility Concept with several practical examples that apply the five steps of Monitoring and Diagnosing, Presenting and Structuring, Guided Student Practice, Feedback and Corrections, and Reaching Mastery. These steps allow a shift from the teacher assuming all the responsibility for presenting content to students increasingly accepting responsibility for their own learning, ending in a content mastery stage. (Chapter 9)
- Add practical examples with lesson scenarios of the use of technology-embedded lesson planning. This update begins with introducing the importance and application of technology in lesson planning (Chapter 5), situating them within the context of goals, standards, and objectives; and then applying them with practical real world lesson applications (Chapter 7).
- Provide extended examples of constructivist in theory and practice. Examples and scenarios soundly illustrate that when learners create new rules and hypotheses on their own to explain what is being observed and arrive at new meanings and understandings in nests of wider and wider embrace they add wholeness and meaning to what they are learning, called "deep learning." (Chapter 10)

Along with these new additions we have retained and updated:

- Upfront chapters emphasizing the importance of classroom management (Chapters 3 & 4).
- A section on Connecting with Students (Chapter 3), including the importance of developing mutual trust and confidence between teacher and learner and the classroom and school in a Professional Learning Community.
- Expanded information on working with families in Chapter 4, including the influence of home and family on students and classroom behavior as well as preparing for, conducting, and evaluating the Teacher-Family conference.
- Provide helpful tips on the formative assessment of direct, indirect, constructivist, and collaborative learning.

#### e-Text Enhancements

This book is available as an enhanced Pearson e-text\* with the following features:

- Video Margin Notes are available throughout the ninth edition. Two to three videos are
  included in most chapters. In these videos, students will listen to experts, watch footage of
  diverse classrooms, and listen to and watch effective teachers talk about and practice strategies that promote learning. Videos are accompanied by reflective questions.
- Final Chapter Quizzes align with learning outcomes and appear as a link at the end of each
  chapter in the e-text edition. Using multiple choice questions, the quizzes allow readers to test
  their knowledge of the concepts, research, strategies, and practices discussed in each section.
- Case History Questions with Feedback are provided at the end of each Case History to help students with licensure preparation.

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#### **How This Book Is Organized**

- Chapter 1 introduces the characteristics of an effective teacher and what an effective teacher
  does in the classroom. This chapter also acquaints you with the NBPTS and InTASC standards that will be important for your certification and licensing.
- Chapter 2 provides a discussion on understanding adaptive teaching, differentiated instruction, and how individual differences and learner diversity (prior achievement, learning style, culture and language, and home and family life) affect student learning needs and classroom management. This chapter will introduce you to the real nature and challenges of today's multicultural, diverse classrooms and the teaching of English language learners, immigrant populations, at-risk learners, and special-needs learners, including how to close the achievement gap among students of different socioeconomic levels.
- Chapters 3 and 4 delve into classroom management and provide a complement of techniques and strategies that can quickly change your beginning days in the classroom from a concern for your own survival to a concern for the impact you are having on your learners.
- Chapter 5 on goals, standards, and objectives shows you how to assess the extent to which you are achieving knowledge, thinking, and problem-solving behaviors in your classroom. This chapter expands the traditional taxonomies of cognitive and affective behavior to include the important higher-order objectives of metacognition, problem solving, decision making, critical thinking, and valuing. It also makes clear the relationship between state and common core standards and your classroom goals and objectives.
- Chapter 6 on unit and lesson planning will improve your skills in linking subject-matter content to teaching methods and student outcomes in a continuous process of lesson planning. The chapter shows you how to compose thematic and interdisciplinary lessons to promote higher order thought processes and problem-solving behavior in your learners. It also provides some of the tools you can use to differentiate your instruction in a diverse classroom.
- Chapter 7, a newly revised chapter, illustrates with practical examples opportunities you have to infuse your lesson plans with technology for greater learning. It describes how to effectively integrate educational and web-based instructional technologies into your lesson plans. Updated chapter graphics show you how online resources can be seamlessly integrated into every step of the lesson planning process. With the many examples provided for integrating technology into your lesson planning you should be well informed in using a wide variety of online tools and resources to enrich and add an exciting constructivist addition to your lessons as presented in the following chapters.

- Chapter 8 on teacher questioning shows you how to raise questions at different levels of
  cognitive complexity and how to use probes and follow-up questions to promote higher
  order thinking and problem-solving behavior. This chapter will help you ask questions that
  prepare your learners not only to engage in quick, firm, and correct responses during direct
  instruction but also to ask and respond to higher order questions during indirect and selfdirected learning.
- Chapters 9 and 10 provide you with an interchangeable menu of instructional activities that can be mixed and matched to the needs of your learners and objectives to help you better implement the goals of differentiating instruction in a diverse classroom. Chapter 9 offers teaching strategies that explain how to use direct instructional methods (such as explaining, presenting, drill and practice, and recitation), while Chapter 10 explores indirect instructional methods (group discussion, concept-learning, inquiry, and problem-solving activities).
- Chapter 11 focuses on self-directed and constructivist learning and how to use metacognitive techniques, teacher mediation, and the social dialogue of the classroom to help learners control, regulate, and take responsibility for their own learning. You will learn to unleash your learners' intuitive and imaginative capacities to learn on their own, with you as a resource, leaving them with a sense of ownership in what they have explored and discovered. This chapter offers specific tools and techniques that effective teachers use to get their students to become agents of their own learning.
- Chapter 12 discusses cooperative learning and the collaborative process for productively
  organizing and managing group and team activities to promote communication skills,
  self-esteem, and problem solving. It will introduce you to the enthusiasm, motivation, and
  creativity that can result from learners working together on real-world projects and performances to form a partnership of ideas and a learning community, and how to teach your students the democratic and collaborative skills they will need in and beyond your classroom.
- Chapter 13 offers an updated and expanded treatment of criterion and standardized assessments of your students that includes what you will need to know to assess the learners with special needs in your classroom. No other development in education during the last decade has generated more controversy than the use of standardized tests for making high-stakes decisions involving grade promotion, the selection of students for advanced academic programs, high school graduation, and assessing special populations, as called for by recently authorized and updated federal legislation. The chapter explores the assessment of student achievement and interpreting student progress using the Response to Intervention model and teacher-made objective tests, essays, performance assessments, and portfolios. This chapter will not only help you assess the day-to-day understanding of all learners, but it will help you bridge the gap between your learners' daily performance and their standardized test results.
- The book *Observation Skills for Effective Teaching: Research-based practice* can serve as a companion volume or follow-up text to this edition. (Borich, G.2016. New York, NY: Taylor & Francis)

#### **Special Features of This Text**

Features that can be found in this ninth edition include:

- Learning Outcomes and InTASC standards focus you on the key aspects of each chapter.
- In Practice features offer practical teaching tips, strategies, and techniques that can help new teachers extend their textbook knowledge to their very first lesson plans, showing them tangible approaches to putting theory into practice and offering practical tips, strategies, and techniques. They include how to apply constructivist principles, use differentiated instruction, teach learners with special needs in a diverse classroom, integrate technology and web based instruction into lesson plans, apply the concept of multiple intelligences, write interdisciplinary unit plans, achieve mastery learning, initiate project- and problem-based learning,

- and use portfolios and performance assessments to provide learners an opportunity to participate in their own assessment. Many In Practice features appear in this edition, including Focus on Applications for Online Learning, Focus on Digital Gaming in the Classroom, and Focus on Cooperative Learning.
- A self-report survey instrument is included in Chapter 1 and Appendix A for measuring
  the concerns you have about yourself as a teacher, concerns about the teaching task, and
  concerns about your impact on students, which can be used to chart your growth and development as a teacher over time.
- A practical visual format is included in Chapter 4 for organizing your unit and lesson
  plans, letting you graphically visualize the relationship between lessons and units and better
  prepare for meeting state standards and preparing your learners for their standardized assessments.
- A Higher Order Thinking and Problem-Solving Checklist is introduced in Chapters 5, 11, and 12 and included in Appendix C to help you achieve a curriculum in your classroom that encourages your students to problem solve, make decisions, and think critically.
- End-of-chapter Practice OR End-of-chapter Application
  - End-of-chapter Summing Up sections tie back to the learning outcomes and restate key concepts in an easy-to-follow format for easy reference during field experiences, observation assignments, and practice teaching. Discussion and Practice Questions review the most important content of each chapter, with keyed answers presented in Appendix B.
  - Professional Practice sections at the ends of chapters provide hands-on opportunities to engage you in decision making and problem solving as they are carried out in a real classroom. Together, all three sets of activities provide a menu of opportunities from which you can practice and advance the skills learned in each chapter.
  - Field Experience and Practice Activities at the end of each chapter encourage you to make decisions and solve practical classroom problems related to the content within each chapter with regard to lesson planning, classroom management, cultural diversity, and project-based learning.
  - Digital Portfolio Activities guide you in creating a professional portfolio of accomplishments with entries related to the content of each chapter. This portfolio will be a vehicle with which you can put your best foot forward to future instructors in your teacher preparation program, cooperating or supervisory teachers during student teaching, professional colleagues, and, most importantly, future employers. The portfolio will chronicle your best accomplishments in this course and beyond.
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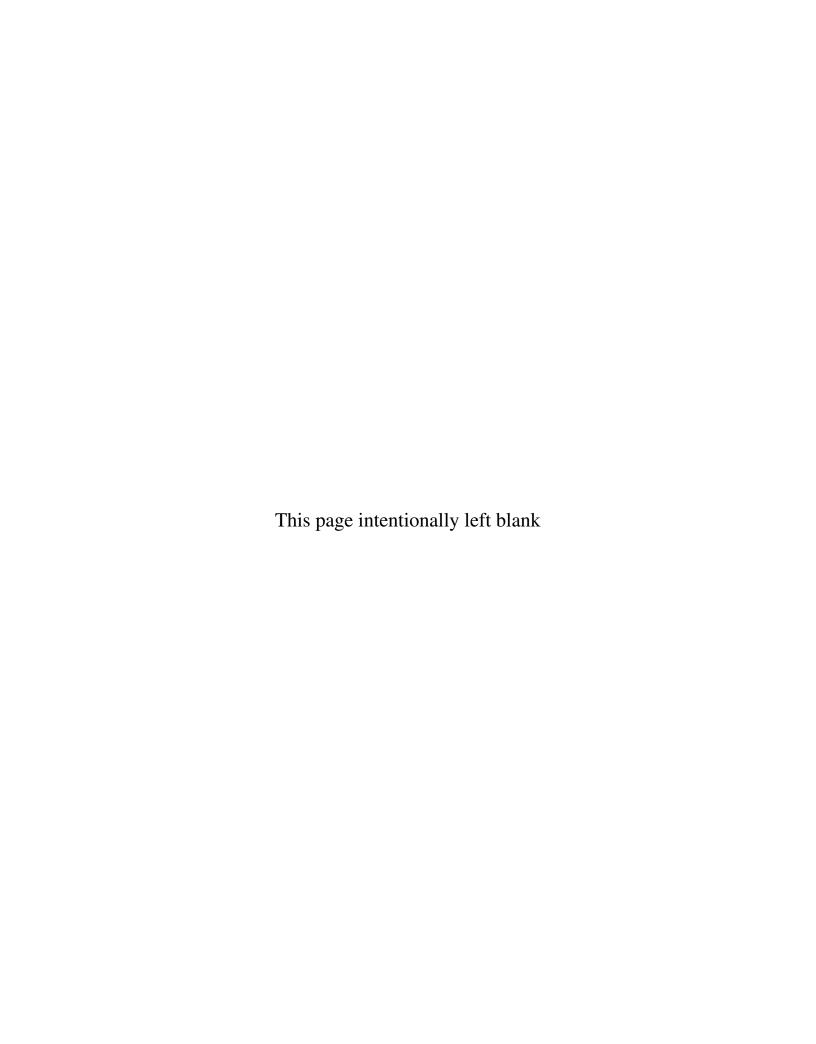
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#### **Learning Outcomes**

By the time you complete this chapter, you will know and be able to:

- Explain the role that research plays in demonstrating how teaching strategies and methods contribute to student performance.
- Examine key instructional behaviors that contribute to becoming an effective teacher.
- Compare and contrast the approaches you can use as an effective teacher and discuss the ways in which you can meet each learner's diverse needs.
- Discuss the role that standards play in teaching and learning.
- Evaluate the factors that are critical to your transition into the real world of teaching.

#### InTASC

By the end of the chapter, you will be able to meet the following InTASC standards for effective teaching:

**STANDARD 1 Learner Development.** The teacher understands how learners grow and develop, recognizing that patterns of learning and development vary individually within and across the cognitive, linguistic, social, emotional, and physical areas, and designs and implements developmentally appropriate and challenging learning experiences.

**STANDARD 4 Content Knowledge.** The teacher understands the central concepts, tools of inquiry, and structures

of the discipline(s) he or she teaches and creates learning experiences that make these aspects of the discipline accessible and meaningful for learners to assure mastery of the content.

**STANDARD 6** Assessment. The teacher understands and uses multiple methods of assessment to engage learners in their own growth, to monitor learner progress, and to guide the teacher's and learner's decision making.



ow easily or quickly could you answer the question, "What is an effective teacher?" This question has been asked by every teacher, young and old. It is a deceptively simple question that has many different answers. Teaching is a complex and difficult task that demands extraordinary abilities. After decades of experience and research, one of the most important questions in education today still is, "What is an effective teacher?"

This chapter offers no single definition of an effective teacher. Instead, its goal is to introduce you to practices used by effective teachers that are related to positive outcomes in learners. These effective teaching practices do not tell the whole story of what an effective teacher is, but they do form an important foundation to help you become an effective teacher and profit from reading the chapters ahead. Subsequent chapters blend these practices with classroom management, lesson planning, technology integration, problem-based and constructivist learning strategies, learner assessment, and the attitudes and dispositions you will need to build a warm and nurturing relationship with your students. These topics will give you a rich and comprehensive picture of an effective teacher and, most importantly, help you become one.

#### What Is an Effective Teacher?

If you had grown up a century ago, you would have been able to answer the question "What is an effective teacher?" very simply: A good teacher is a good person—a role model who meets the community ideal for a good citizen, good parent, and good employee. At that time, teachers were judged primarily on their goodness as people and only secondarily on their behavior in the classroom. They were expected to be honest, hardworking, generous, friendly, and considerate and to demonstrate these qualities in their classrooms by being organized, disciplined, insightful, and committed. Practically speaking, this meant that to be effective all a teacher needed was King Solomon's wisdom, Sigmund Freud's insight, Albert Einstein's knowledge, and Florence Nightingale's dedication!

It soon became evident that this definition of an ideal teacher lacked clear, objective standards of performance that could be consistently applied and that could be used to train future teachers.

#### **A New Direction**

Over the past several decades, a revolution has occurred in defining good teaching. We have seen that defining good teachers by community ideals proved unrealistic and that it was poorly related to what teachers actually do in the classroom. This directed researchers to study the impact of specific teacher activities on the specific cognitive and affective behaviors of their students. The term *good teaching* changed to *effective teaching*, and the research focus shifted from studying teachers exclusively to including teachers' effects on students. These new ways of studying classroom behavior have made the teacher–student relationship in the classroom the focus of modern definitions of effective teaching.

**Linking Teacher Behavior with Student Performance.** During the past few decades, researchers developed new methods for studying the classroom interaction patterns of teachers and students. Their goal was to discover which patterns of teacher behavior promote desirable student performance. But before unveiling the findings of this research and their implications for your teaching, let's see how this research was performed.

**Patterns of Classroom Interaction**. To collect data on the classroom interaction patterns of teachers and students, researchers often used instruments like those shown in Figures 1.1, 1.2, and 1.3. These particular instruments, devised by Good and Brophy (2007) for their research on effective teaching, record patterns of student–teacher interaction. Using the coding guide in Figure 1.1 and the response form in Figure 1.2, an observer codes both student responses to questions and the teacher's reaction and feedback. For example, in the tenth interchange recorded on Figure 1.2, a male student fails to answer a question (coded "0" under "Student Response"), is criticized by the teacher for not answering ("--"), and then is given the answer by the teacher ("Gives Ans."). Numbers for the interchanges are assigned as they occur, allowing the pattern of question–answer–feedback to be recorded over an entire class period across many classrooms.

On the Coding Form for Measuring Individual Praise (Figure 1.3), the observer codes the positive behavior being praised by the teacher (perseverance, progress, success, good thinking, etc.). Individual students are identified by assigning each a unique number such as 14, 23, 6, and so on. This form records not only the praise behavior of the teacher in relation to individual student behavior but also the overall pattern or sequence of action. For example, student 23 is praised twice in a row, the first time for "Success" and the second time for "Good thinking."

With instruments such as these, a rich and varied picture of classroom activity can be captured over the course of a research study and related to various measures of school achievement. Obviously, a single observation of a single class would provide too little data to reveal a consistent pattern of interaction. However, multiple observations extending across different days, teachers,

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Student Gender	g Categories for Question-An  Definition	Explanation
	Definition	Explanation
Symbol Label		
М	Male	The student answering the question is male.
F	Female	The student answering the question is female.
Student Response		
+	Right	The teacher accepts the student's response as correct or satisfactory.
±	Part right	The teacher considers the student's response to be only partially correct or to be correct but incomplete.
-	Wrong	The teacher considers the student's response to be incorrect.
0	No answer	The student makes no response or says he doesn't know (code student's answer here if teacher gives feedback reaction before he is able to respond).
Teacher Feedback Reac	tion	
++	Praise	Teacher praises student either in words ("fine," "good," "wonderful," "good thinking") or by expressing verbal affirmation in a notably warm, joyous, or excited manner.
+	Affirm	Teacher simply affirms that the student's response is correct (nods, repeats answer, says "Yes," "OK," etc.).
0	No reaction	Teacher makes no response whatever to student's response—he or she simply goes on to something else.
-	Negate	Teacher simply indicates that the student's response is incorrect (shakes head, says "No," "That's not right," "Hm-mm," etc.).
	Criticize	Teacher criticizes student, either in words ("You should know better than that," "That doesn't make any sense—you better pay close attention," etc.) or by expressing verbal negation in a frustrated, angry, or disgusted manner.
Gives Ans.	Teacher gives answer	Teacher provides the correct answer for the student.
Ask Other	Teacher asks another student	Teacher redirects the question, asking a different student to try to answer it.
Other Calls	Another student calls out answer	Another student calls out the correct answer, and the teacher acknowledges that it is correct.
Repeat	Repeats question	Teacher repeats the original question, either in its entirety or with a prompt ("Well?" "Do you know?" "What's the answer?").
Clue	Rephrase or clue	Teacher makes original question easier for student to answer by rephrasing it or by giving a clue.
New Ques.	New question	Teacher asks a new question (i.e., a question that calls for a different answer than the original question called for).

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Figure 1.2 Coding Response						Form											
	S	ex			dent onse		Teacher Feedback Reaction										
Stu. No.	M	F	+	±	_	0	++	+	0	-		Gives Ans.	Ask Other	Other Calls	Repeat	Clue	New Ques.
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or schools could reveal consistent patterns of teacher–student interactions. These patterns of class-room behavior then can be related to student outcomes—such as classroom quizzes, student projects, oral performances, portfolio assessments, and standardized tests—to determine their effects on student performance.

It was in this manner that patterns of effective teaching began to emerge in studies conducted by different researchers. As in all research, some studies provided contradictory results or found no relationships among certain types of classroom interactions and student outcomes. But many studies found patterns of interaction between teacher and learner that consistently produced desirable student outcomes in the form of greater motivation to learn, higher achievement, increased problem solving, and improved learning skills.

Now that you know how the research was conducted, let's look at a preview of the teaching strategies and methods that researchers generally agree contribute to effective teaching and that will be addressed in the following chapters.

#### Figure 1.3 Coding Form for Measuring Individual Praise

USE: Whenever the teacher praises an individual student

PURPOSE: To see what behaviors the teacher reinforces through praises, and to see how the teacher's praise is distributed among the students.

Behavior Categories	Student Number		Codes
1. Perseverance or effort; worked long or hard	14	1.	3
2. Progress (relative to the past) toward achievement	23	2.	3,4
3. Success (right answer, high score) achievement	6	3.	3
4. Good thinking, good suggestions, good guess, or nice try	18	4.	3
5. Imagination, creativity, originality	8	5.	1
6. Neatness, careful work	8	6.	1
7. Good or compliant behavior, follows rules, pays attention	8	7.	1
8. Thoughtfulness, courtesy, offering to share, prosocial behavior		8.	
9. Other (specify)		9.	
NOTES:		10	
All answers occurred during social studies discussion.		11	
		12	
Was particularly concerned about #8, a low-performing learner.		13	
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## **Key Behaviors Contributing to Effective Teaching**

From this research, approximately ten teacher behaviors have been identified that show promising relationships to desirable student performance, primarily as measured by classroom assessments and standardized tests. Five of these behaviors have been consistently supported by research studies (Borich, 2015; Brophy, 2002; Brophy & Good, 1986; Emmer & Evertson, 2012; Herrell & Jordan, 2011; Marzano, 2012; Marzano, Pickering, & Pollock, 2004; McNary, Glasgow, & Hicks, 2005; McTighe & Wiggins, 2013; Saunders, 2005; Krechevsky, Mardell, Rivard, & Wilson 2013; Willis, 2006). Another five have had some support and appear logically related to effective teaching. The first five are called **key behaviors**, because they are considered essential for effective teaching. The second five are called **helping behaviors**, because they can be used in combinations to implement the key behaviors. Following are the five key behaviors essential for effective teaching:

- 1. Lesson clarity
- 2. Instructional variety
- 3. Teacher task orientation
- 4. Student engagement in the learning process
- 5. Student success rate

Let's take a closer look at each of these.

#### **Lesson Clarity**

**Lesson clarity** refers to how clear a teacher's presentation is to the class, as indicated in the following points:

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- Make ideas clear to learners who may be at different levels of understanding.
- Explain concepts in ways that help students follow along in a logical, step-by-step order.
- Have an oral delivery that is direct, audible to all students, and free of distracting mannerisms.

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- Use vague, ambiguous, or indefinite language, such as "might probably be," "tends to suggest," and "could possibly happen."
- Use overly complicated sentences, such as "There are many important reasons for the start of World War II, but some are more important than others, so let's start with those that are thought to be important, but really aren't."
- Give directions that often result in student requests for clarification.

One result from research on lesson clarity is that teachers vary considerably in this behavior. Not all teachers are able to communicate clearly and directly to their students without wandering, speaking above students' levels of comprehension, or using speech patterns that impair their presentation's clarity (Brophy, 2002; Fasset & Warren, 2010; Muijs & Reynolds, 2005; Popham, 2009).

If you teach with a high degree of clarity, you will spend less time going over material. Your questions will be answered correctly the first time, allowing more time for instruction. Clarity is a complex behavior because it is related to many other behaviors, such as your organization of the content, lesson familiarity, and delivery strategies (whether you use a discussion, recitation, question—and—answer, or small-group format). Research shows that both the cognitive and oral clarity of presentations vary substantially among teachers. This in turn produces differences in student performance on cognitive tests of achievement (Muijs & Reynolds, 2005). Table 1.1 summarizes some of the indicators of lesson clarity and teaching strategies you will learn about in this text, especially in Chapters 8 (on questioning strategies), 9 (on direct instruction), and 10 (on indirect instruction).

Table 1.1 Indicators for Clarity								
Being Clear (An effective teacher	.) Examples of Teaching Strategies							
1. Informs learners of the lesson objective (e.g., de what behaviors will be tested or required on future assignments as a result of the lesson)	· ·							
2. Provides learners with an advance organizer (e.g that places the lesson in the perspective of past future lessons)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·							
<ol><li>Checks for task-relevant prior learning at the beg the lesson (e.g., determines the level of underst prerequisite facts or concepts and reteaches if r</li></ol>	anding of check assignments regularly to determine if task-relevant							
<b>4.</b> Gives directives slowly and distinctly (e.g., repeat directives when needed or divides them into sm								
5. Knows ability levels and teaches at or slightly ab learners' current level of understanding (e.g., known learners' attention spans)								
<b>6.</b> Uses examples, illustrations, and demonstration and clarify (e.g., uses visuals to help interpret armain points)								
7. Provides a review or summary at the end of each	Use key phrases, repetition, or easy to memorize symbols to help students efficiently store and later recall content.							

# Observe the teacher in this video as she uses a supplemental reading to provide instruction. Notice how the teacher asks various levels of questions of students in her small group.

#### **Instructional Variety**

The term **instructional variety** refers to your variability or flexibility of delivery during the presentation of a lesson (Brophy, 2002; Marzano, Pickering, & Heflebower, 2010; Marzano, 2009). One of the most effective ways of creating variety during instruction is to ask questions. As you will learn in Chapter 8, many different types of questions can be integrated into the pacing and sequencing of a lesson to create meaningful variation (Chuska, 2003; Falk & Blumenreich, 2005; Walsh & Sattes, 2011). Therefore, the effective teacher needs to know the art of asking questions and how to discriminate among different question formats—fact questions, process questions, convergent questions, and divergent questions. These question types are introduced in Chapter 8 and expanded on in Chapter 10.

Another aspect of instructional variety in teaching is perhaps the most obvious: the use of supplemental learning materials, computer software, displays, the Internet, and space in your classroom. The physical texture and visual variety of your classroom can also contribute to instructional variety. This has been shown to influence students' engagement, motivation to learn, and achievement on end-of-unit tests and performance assessments (Walqui, 2000). For example, some studies found the amount of disruptive behavior to be less in classrooms that had more varied activities and materials (Emmer & Evertson, 2016; Evertson & Emmer, 2016). Others have shown variety to be related to student attention (Borich, 2004, 2008).

Some ways to incorporate variety into your teaching are presented in Chapter 7 (on technology integration), Chapter 9 (on direct instruction), Chapter 10 (on indirect instruction), Chapter 11 (self-directed and constructivist learning strategies), and Chapter 12 (on cooperative learning and the collaborative process). Table 1.2 summarizes some of the indicators of instructional variety and teaching strategies covered in these chapters.

Table 1.2 Indicators for Variety								
Using Variety (An effective teacher)	Examples of Teaching Strategies							
1. Uses attention-gaining devices (e.g., begins with a challenging question, visual, or example)	Begin the lesson with an activity in a modality that is different from the last lesson or activity (e.g., change from listening to seeing).							
2. Shows enthusiasm and animation through variation in eye contact, voice, and gestures (e.g., changes pitch and volume, moves about during the transition to a new activity)	Change position at regular intervals (e.g., every ten minutes). Change speed or volume to indicate that a change in content or activity has occurred.							
<b>3.</b> Varies modes of presentation (e.g., presents, asks questions, then provides for independent practice [daily])	Establish an order of daily activities that rotates cycles of seeing, listening, and doing.							
<b>4.</b> Uses a mix of rewards and reinforcers (e.g., extra credit, verbal praise, independent study, etc. [weekly, monthly])	Establish lists of rewards and expressions of verbal praise, and choose among them randomly. Provide reasons for praise along with the expression of it.							
<b>5.</b> Incorporates student ideas or participation in some aspects of instruction (e.g., uses indirect instruction or divergent questioning [weekly, monthly])	Occasionally plan instruction in which student opinions are used to begin the lesson (e.g., "What would you do if").							
<b>6.</b> Varies types of questions (e.g., divergent, convergent, [weekly]) and probes (e.g., to clarify, to solicit, to redirect [daily])	Match questions to the behavior and complexity of the lesson objective. Vary the complexity of the lesson objectives in accord with the unit plan.							

Table 1.3 Learning Time and Student Achievement: Example from Second-Grade Reading									
	core at First (October)		d Time in Reading Success Rate	Estimated Reading Score, Second Testing (December)					
Raw Score (out of 100)	Percentile	Total Time over 5 Weeks (Minutes)	Average Daily Time (Minutes)	Raw Score (out of 100) Percentile					
36	50	100	4	37	39				
36	50	573	23	43	50				
36	50	1,300	52	52	66				

Note: An average of 25 school days occurred between the first and second testing.

Source: Based on Teaching and Learning in the Elementary School: A Summary of the Beginning Teacher Evaluation Study, Beginning Teacher Evaluation Study Report VII-I, by Charles W. Fisher et al., 1978. San Francisco: Far West Laboratory for Research and Development.

#### **Teacher Task Orientation**

**Teacher task orientation** is a key behavior that refers to the amount of classroom time the teacher devotes to teaching an academic subject. The more time allocated to teaching a specific topic, the greater the opportunity students have to learn.

For example, Table 1.3 shows the results achieved in a second-grade reading classroom when the teacher's task orientation—or time teaching an academic subject—was increased over a five-week period. Increasing the time devoted to this instructional objective from 4 minutes to 52 minutes a day, over an average of only 25 school days, yielded an increase of 27 percentile points (from 39 to 66) on a standardized achievement test. The researchers who recorded these data indicated that although such large increases in instructional time might appear unusual, they actually were achieved by teachers in these elementary school classrooms and that improvements in standardized achievement can be achieved with even small increments of a teacher's task orientation.