Shared Writing Instructional Model (SWIM) for Students with Intellectual Disabilities

Logic Model

Inputs

Research-based English language arts learning maps

Evidence-based practices (EBPs) in writing instruction

Online dashboard

Iowa's Specially Designed
Instruction (SDI)
framework

lowa's model for technical assistance

Project staff

State, regional, and local education agency staff

Project Advisory Committee (PAC) members

Learning map-based writing assessments

Activities

Develop SWIM intervention components (map neighborhoods in writing, assessments, EBPs, dashboard)

Design site selection and preparation plan

Design PD and ongoing coaching support to maximize usability and likely adoption of the model

Evaluate implementation and outcomes

Finalize model materials for future testing/replication

Disseminate model and findings via broad audiences and multiple channels

Outputs

PAC members use diverse perspectives to advise on design, refinement, results interpretation, and dissemination

Administrators at sites plan for and support implementation

Teachers at sites participate in PD and coaching

Teachers instruct students using SWIM

Short-Term Outcomes (Post-PD)

Teachers find the PD worthwhile and the concepts applicable to classroom

Teachers have increased knowledge of the SWIM framework and its components

Intermediate Outcomes (End of Intervention)

Teachers are satisfied with coaching and SWIM

Teachers routinely use SWIM's intervention components

Students are engaged during writing instruction

Students make progress toward challenging literacy objectives aligned to grade-level content standards

Students demonstrate increased self-regulation skills during writing instruction

Students demonstrate higher achievement of ELA on annual summative assessment

Teachers consider writing when evaluating present levels of performance and creating IEP goals

Parents and teachers report students' writing skills are relevant for secondary and postsecondary life

Long-Term Outcomes (After Project Ends)

Teachers use evidencebased writing practices across the curriculum

Students apply increasing self-regulation strategies in contexts beyond writing instruction

Students use writing as part of their advanced literacy skills, allowing for greater access and independence in post-secondary education, competitive, integrated employment, and community contexts

Teachers, parents, and students develop higher expectations for literacy skills