



INSTRUCTIONAL MASTERY TOOLKIT

Plan with clarity, teach with confidence, check for understanding, then choose one strong adjustment for the next lesson.

Premium Edition, homeschool parents, tutors, and teachers

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HOW TO USE THIS TOOLKIT

A fast routine that turns planning into better instruction

Set up once, 5 minutes	Use daily, 5 to 10 minutes	Review weekly, 15 minutes
• Read the Acronyms page so terms are clear • Choose one monthly focus area, Page 13 • Print or duplicate pages you will reuse often*	• Write the objective and success criteria • Pick one engagement move, starred options work well at home* • Use two quick CFUs, then follow response rules • End with one adjustment for tomorrow	• Use the Weekly Review protocol with evidence • Analyze student work using the sort and pattern steps • Choose one strategy to test next week • Update your monthly focus if patterns change

Homeschool note* This pack is built for home instruction, too. Starred items are designed for multi-age learning, shorter blocks, conversation-based checks, and demonstration of understanding.

ACRONYMS AND KEY TERMS

Quick definitions so the tool stays simple

CFU: Check for Understanding, a quick check during or after a lesson that tells you what to do next

PLC: Professional Learning Community, a group that plans and reflects together.

I DO, WE DO, YOU DO: Gradual release, teacher models, then practice together, then independent practice

UDL: Universal Design for Learning, multiple ways to access content, show learning, and stay engaged

RTI: Response to Intervention, adding support in increasing levels based on need

MTSS: Multi-Tiered System of Supports, academic, behavior, and well-being supports

Hinge Question: A mid-lesson question that tells you whether to move on or reteach

Scaffold: Temporary support that helps a learner access new content

Extension: A deeper or broader task after the core objective is mastered

Reteach: Teaching again using a different representation or approach

Exit Ticket: A short end-of-lesson task used to check understanding.

Formative Assessment: Assessment during learning that guides instruction

Summative Assessment: Assessment after instruction that evaluates learning

Success Criteria: Observable indicators of what meeting the objective looks like

Teach back*: Learner explains the concept to someone else, great for homeschool and tutoring

Demonstration of learning*: Showing understanding through action, explanation, or creation, not only writing

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