

EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICES**EXPLICIT VOCABULARY INSTRUCTION:**

1. Reading literature that captures students' interests with relatable subject matter
2. Creative writing using new vocabulary found in literature
3. Repetition and frequency of new vocabulary

DIRECT/EXPLICIT READING COMPREHENSION STRATEGY INSTRUCTION:

1. Paraphrase and summarize
2. Draw inferences
3. Answer specific questions
4. Create visual art as interpretations

LESSON PLANS THAT INCREASE MOTIVATION/ENGAGEMENT:

1. Use a wide variety of engaging and relatable literature
2. Use theory of multiple intelligences
3. Design fun and age appropriate challenges
4. Provide options and allow student autonomy

CULTIVATION OF A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT:

1. Encourage participation through verbal praise
2. Present mistakes as opportunities for growth
3. Employ active listening

INDIVIDUALIZED INSTRUCTION THROUGH 1-ON-1 TUTORING:

1. Match tutor and student personality
2. Engage tutors in ongoing training
3. Enlist tutors from a variety of backgrounds to assist in a variety of subjects
4. Provide focused and active listening

SOURCES:

1. *Improving Adolescent Literacy: Effective Classroom and Intervention Practices* (2008) by the Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences.
2. *NREPP Learning Center Literature Review: Positive Youth Development* (2015) by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.
3. *Building Literacy in Afterschool* (2015) by The Afterschool Alliance

