



Connecting the Dots from Research to Practice

PERSONAL NOTE-TAKING GUIDE

Our Shared Purpose. If you are participating in the AIM Institute’s 6th annual Research to Practice Symposium, one may assume that you are seeking the latest research to help improve your practice or your support of educators to apply these best and promising practices. You may be seeking some new strategies because you are frustrated with seeing your student struggle with reading and you know how important literacy is over their life span. If this sounds like your “WHY”, you are taking a step in the right direction.

We also know that taking research and putting it into practice is extremely challenging. In fact, there is an entire field of study named Implementation Science, which helps use researched-based strategies to actually implement these best practices in the “real world”.

Implementation Science principles can guide the work of educators from all levels for the education system on “HOW” to create a system to provide teachers with the time and space needed to learn how to use these new strategies and best practices with fidelity. If we can implement best practices as intended, then we can ensure that our students will benefit from the newest research findings.

Getting Started. In an effort to maximize your investment into learning from world-renowned researchers, we wanted to provide guidance and time to consider “how” to actually try/apply some of the effective strategies you will learn about. This notetaking guide was designed to help you connect the dots between research and practice. We have incorporated some strategies from the field of Implementation Science that help determine what is needed to use best practices in your classroom, school, or district. We invite you to reflect on some of the prompts in this notetaking guide and share your ideas with the dedicated educators at your table or through chat if you are participating virtually.

Getting Better. We would like to encourage you to extend your learning and share in the journey of others as they are trying to apply some of these new strategies with their students. Here are some ideas to continue building your skills and learn about upcoming opportunities:

1. Sign up for the AIM Institute PD Newsletter <https://www.aimpa.org/institute>
2. Learn more about Implementation Science https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i_I5OsxAxao
3. Share your “aha” moments on Twitter @AIMtoLearn, #Access2Experts

On behalf of all students, **THANK YOU** for all that you do! Enjoy the day.

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