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NIFDI Offers Additional Critical Phrasing Webinar!

A NIFDI Series on Effective Distance Learning With DI
***Delivering an Effective Lesson:
Critical Phrasing Webinar***
April 6, 2020 1:00PM PST

Participants in this webinar will learn

- the general guidelines for delivering an effective DI lesson using critical phrasing;
- how to emphasize bold words in the script;
- how to identify where pause and punch would be beneficial, even if not bold or otherwise indicated in the script;
- how practicing critical phrasing before teaching to students positively impacts student performance and progress.



Due to the high demand for our webinar on Critical Phrasing, we are offering an additional time to attend the event. As part of our series on Effective Distance Learning with DI, on Monday, April 6, at 1pm PST, NIFDI will be conducting a webinar based on our popular video in-service *Delivering an Effective Lesson: Critical Phrasing*. Veteran DI consultant Tamara Bressi will facilitate the session.

When delivering instruction, the pausing and punching of key words to convey skills and content is an integral component of effective instruction. Emphasizing a critical phrase or word helps students focus on the pivotal part of the presentation. In a distance learning situation, skillful application of this technique is vital to helping maintain student engagement.

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Participants will need internet access and the ability to view a PDF on a separate device (tablet, iPad) or print the 6-page participant handout.

Please note: Due to limited access to our offices, we can only accept credit card payments for this Webinar.

Space is limited to 30 participants! [Click here to sign up!](#)

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NIFDI Resource for Distance Learning Available!



In these turbulent times, the National Institute for Direct Instruction is continuing to support its partner schools and all users of Direct Instruction worldwide. Even though most schools have temporarily closed their doors, the important work of teaching children must and will continue.

While Direct Instruction (DI) is intended for face-to-face, real-time interaction between a teacher and students, specific components of DI can be used in a distance learning environment. Different components of DI are viable in one-on-one vs. group distance learning situations. We have created [this document](#) to help you adapt your delivery to a distance-learning environment. This document summarizes the differences between using DI for one-on-one vs. group distance learning situations as well as implications for coaching, behavior management, parental involvement and reentry into the school setting.

Distance learning with DI should be able to allow teachers to continue to build students' mastery of critical skills and content that will help every student be prepared for more advanced material the following school year!

If you have any suggestions or questions about how to effectively utilize DI in a distance learning setting, please send them to us at info@nifdi.org!

National Direct Instruction Conference Registration Open!



Registration for the National Conference is now open. For 46 years the National DI conference has been a mainstay for training on all of the major Direct Instruction programs. This year the conference will include a special presentation and overview session on the new *Reading Mastery Transformations Edition*, as well as specific program training on the kindergarten and first grade levels of the reading strand. As always, the conference includes many additional sessions related to DI, such as CHAMPS Behavior Management, research on DI, fluency building and much more. We

also will continue to offer the very popular Trainer Training, Coaching and Administrator Institutes. [Click here](#) for a complete brochure and registration. We look forward to seeing you in Eugene this summer!

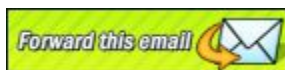
Nominate an Educator for an Excellence in Education Award

An important feature of successful Direct Instruction implementations is to celebrate success--success of students, teachers and entire schools. For many years, there has been a tradition of recognizing excellence in education at the National DI Conference and this year is no exception. Individuals and schools that have made a significant difference in the educational performance of children will be recognized through the following awards:



- * Siegfried Engelmann Excellence in Education Award
- * Wes Becker Excellent School Award
- * The Wayne Carnine Student Improvement Award

Please take this opportunity to identify and nominate a colleague and/or school that has made a difference. Nomination applications are short (1-2 pages) and are available on our website. Nominations are due in our office by June 3rd, so download the [application packet](#) today!



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