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ABSTRACT

An evaluation of the Honolulu (Hawaii) District Instructional Assistance and Assessment Component involved the assignment of part-time teachers to six specific learning disabilities classrooms in elementary schools to work with the special education teacher in instructional and mainstreaming activities. Five other classrooms were used as comparisons. Classroom observations found that one-to-one instruction occurred more frequently in project schools. Parents saw one-to-one instruction as desirable and credited such close attention as the reason their child enjoyed and/or preferred the special class. Mainstreaming could prove difficult if children expect individual attention in regular classrooms. Some parents were concerned about the movement of their child between classes and missing work in the regular classroom. Group interaction between teacher and students or among students themselves was infrequently observed, limiting the richness of shared experiences. Seatwork was a common activity, perhaps a consequence of the individualized education program. Metropolitan Achievement Tests (MAT) were administered to both project and comparison school students. Students in comparison schools scored higher on both the pretest and posttest in all batteries (Reading, Mathematics, Language, and Basic Total) than students 1. project schools, but project school students showed greater gains between tests. Recommendations are given for implementation during the expanded second year of the project. (Author/VW)



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Executive Summary

The Honolulu District Office of the Department of Education contracted the Curriculum Research and Development Group (CRDG) of the University of Hawai'i to conduct an evaluation of the Instructional Assistance and Assessment Component (IAC), a special project of selected specific learning disabilities classrooms.

The project involved six project and five comparison classrooms at the elementary level. A part-time teacher was assigned to each of the project schools to work with the special education teacher in instructional and mainstreaming activities.

The part-time teacher was being utilized to assist in instruction as the project intended. Classroom observations indicated that teachers were most often observed checking children's work and monitoring their progress. One-to-one instruction occurred more frequently in project schools (29 percent of the observation time) than in comparison schools (10 percent of the observation time). The mean engagement rate of students in project schools was 77 percent compared to that of 69 percent by comparison school students. These data suggest the value of the part-time teacher in providing direct instruction and keeping students on tesk.

One-to-one instruction was seen as desirable by parents who, however, were aware that such interaction could not occur as frequently in their child's regular classroom. Close attention to students by the special education teacher was perceived by several parents as the reason their child enjoyed and sometimes even preferred the special class. Two parents described the "caring nature" of their child's special education teacher. Mainstreaming students is a critical issue here if children in special classes come to expect individual attention which is less likely to occur in their regular classroom.

Several parents also commented on the movement of their child between classes. They were concerned about their child missing work being given in the regular classroom. They wondered if regular education teachers knew what their child was learning in special education. Nearly all parents were told their child was progressing.

Group interaction between teacher and students or among students themselves was infrequently observed. Seatwork was a common activity, and may possibly be a consequence of the individualized education program. Children were often assigned work individually, and the richness of shared experiences and group interactions was limited. Children appeared anxious to make contact with their peers in other ways resulting in distractions and other behavioral



disruptions. When discussions or other teacher-directed group work did occur, students freely participated in these activities and, data indicated that there was a slightly higher task engagement rate during these periods than with seatwork assignments.

Netropolitan Achievement Tests (NAT) were administered to both project and comparison school students. Scaled scores were selected for evaluation based on the NAT Teacher's Manual (1978) recommendations to use scaled scores for comparing performance among buttery levels (that is, students are administered different levels of the test, and scores need to be equated) and for measuring change in achievement over a period of time.

Students in comparison schools scored higher on both the pretest and posttest in all batteries (Reading, Mathematics, Language, and Basic Total) than students in project schools. Although their scaled scores remained helow those of comparison schools, project school students showed greater gain between pretest and posttest scores. That is, the mean difference between test scores was greater for project school students than for comparison school students. A covariance analysis was run to control difference in pretest scores between school groups. The adjusted mean posttest scores of project schools students were higher in mathematics, reading, and the basic battery than those of comparison school students. Differences in scores, however, were not statistically different.

An expansion of the project is already underway for the achool year 1985-86. The following recommendations are based on the evaluation findings.

- Identify common project goals and strategies for the part-time teacher and special education teacher team.
- 2. Reevaluate appropriateness of instructional material particularly seatwork materials for each child.
- 3. Provide inservice training which promote teaching behaviors found to be effective with special needs students.
- 4. Reassess techniques used to monitor progress of the children.
- 5. Reassess the demands of individualizing instruction to the extent it requires extensive record keeping and selection of learning tasks, at the expense of project teachers interactions.
- 6. Inform all faculty, staff, and parents of special education children about the project.
- 7. Continue evaluation through year-two of the project.



INTRODUCTION

The memorandum of agreement dated January 15, 1985 between the Hawai'i State Department of Education and the Curriculum Research and Development Group (CRDG) of the College of Education of the University of Hawai'i outlined the following objectives of the evaluation of the Instructional Assistance Component:

- (e) to determine the component's effectiveness, both programatically and in terms of cost-effectiveness (in particular, the present pupil/teacher ratio will be reviewed and the part-time teachers positions will be studied),
- (b) to essess/determine strengths/weeknesses of the current meinstreaming program, and
- (c) to assess/determine strengths/weeknesses of the Instructional Assistance Component.

This report describes the methods and results of the evaluation. A description of the project is presented first. The literature review and discussion follow the results, and the final section summerizes the evaluation and presents the recommendations.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Honolulu District Office, Special Education, funded six part-time teacher positions for the school year 1984-85. These part-time teachers were assigned to work with the special education teachers at six elementary project schools selected by the District Office -- Kelihi-Uka, Kepelama, Lenekila, Liholiho, Lunelilo, and 'Ains Heine. Six elementary comparison schools which operated without part-time assistance were also chosen to participate in the evaluation -- Jefferson, Ka'ehumanu, Kelihi-Kei, Kamiloiki, Likelike, and Lincoln. These schools were selected by the District Office based on their population similarities to the project schools. At the request of the District Office, Jefferson was later dropped from the evaluation component because of difficulties in arranging for the evaluation team to work with the school.

The responsibilities of the pert-time teacher were described in a Department of Education project description:

- (a) Provide small group instruction in basic skills.
- (b) Assist in the integration of students into regular education.
- (c) Assist in the needs essessment.



EVALUATION METHOD

The evaluation of the Instructional Assistance Component was conducted using Guba and Lincoln's "responsive" model. This method stresses flexibility, adeptability, and the collection of naturalistic data. The general organizars of this type of evaluation are audience concerns and issues.

Classroom observations are important to the evaluation approach. Interviews provide an opportunity for perticipents to express their concerns. Comprehensive, reliable, and quantifiable data are collected by using adaptations of methods developed by Rist (1975), Werd and Tikunoff (1978), and Noos (1979).

This first year the Instructional Assistance Component started with a smell number of classes. Project schools were hand-selected based on criteria such as willingness to perticipate in the project and representativeness of the student population. The nature of the project did not allow for rendomization or metched sampling. Means and frequencies are presented, but the reader is cautioned that the sample includes only six project schools and five comperison schools. Likewise perent responses eccounted for only a third of all perents receiving questionneirss, and of that percent one-third were interviewed. The eveluation, however, studied many of the issues confronting special education and received input from key players on the project. Despite its limitations, the evaluation is the only comparative study in the State on the essistence of part-time teachers in the special education program. The date provide valuable information for the project's administrators as well as policy makers in general.

<u>Observations</u>

The six project and five comparison school classrooms were observed for data collection purposes. In addition to student and teacher protocols (field notes), systematic data were collected using adaptations of observation instruments developed by the Fer West Leboratory for Educational Research and Development (1983). Information was recorded on subject matter focus, group setting, dugree of teacher-student contact, student engagement, and teacher use of active teaching behaviors. The data collection instruments are included in Appendix A.

Observations were conducted by experienced data collectors who had been trained to use the procedures. The team had conducted similar observations for other evaluation projects of CRDG. Arrangements for the visitations were made sheed of time with the principal and teacher of each school.



Project school classrooms were observed on two occasions, and comparison school classrooms were visited once. All observations were done in the morning and spanned a period of one and a helf to two hours. The two visits to project schools were conducted on different days of the week.

At each visit four students, generally two girls and two boys, were rendomly selected for class observations. Time sampling procedures were used in which each of the students was observed in a set sequence which was repeated for several minutes.

Active teaching behaviors were recorded simply as performed or not performed during the observation period. Interactions and dialogue between student(s) and teacher were also noted, as well as a description of the classroom environment.

Questionneires .

Questionneires were developed to gether information from the principal, pert-time teacher, special education teacher, and perents of the students in the eleven perticipating schools. A meeting with the District Special Education Specialist, a literature review, and consultations with a member of the College of Education Special Education faculty and the executive director of the Hawaii Association for Children With Learning Disabilities helped identify issues and concerns which the questionneires should address.

A draft of the teacher questionnaire was presented at a meeting of project school principals and teachers. Perticipants were asked to review the questionneires and submit comments and recommendations. Several changes were made to the questionneire besed on this feedback. Reviews of the principal, teacher, and parent questionneires were done by the College of Education consultant.

Questionneires were delivered to the school end distributed to the principels (11), pert-time teachers (6), special education teachers (11) and perents (221). Teachers essisted in the distribution and collection of perent questionneires via students.

Interviews

Attached to the parent questionneire was a letter asking for parents' cooperation in the interview component of the project. Parents willing to be interviewed were asked for their telephone number or if they preferred to call the project staff to arrange an interview.

Parents who gave their phone numbers were called, and an interview was scheduled. Interviews averaged about one hour. Parents from all but two schools, one comparison and one project, were interviewed.

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Short interviews with teachers were also conducted at the time the observation visit was made. Several teachers shared special forms they had developed to monitor students' progress.

RESULTS

In this section the results are organized and discussed by the method of data collection. However, where applicable, supporting data collected by another method are provided or referenced. Conferences with the District Specialist are also being planned to share specific results. The presentation of the results is lengthy, and the reader may refer to the final section for a short summery of the data.

Student Data

The Netropoliten Achievement Teets (NAT) were edministered to project and comparison school students as a pretest in November 1984 and as a prattest in April 1985. The District Office headled all administrative procedures, including scoring of the test. Test scores were made available to the avaluation staff. The District Office also shared attendance data recorded by the teacher, participation in related services, and student record profiles. These have been compiled and summarized in the results section.

Table 1 describes the student population of comparison and project schools based on students who took the MAT and on student record profiles. Comparison schools had a higher proportion of fourth through sixth graders (79x) then did project schools (61x). Kindergarten through third graders accounted for 21x and 39x of the schools' population respectively. Boys comprised about three-fifths of the students at all schools. Students were about equally divided by type of service delivery--resource program, integrated self-contained, or full-time self-contained. The average student age at initial placement in the special education program was about eight years for both types of schools.

Students from comparison and project schools had the same mean number of days of absences (9 days) and terdiness (3 days' throughout the school year. Generally these were recorded absences from and terdiness to school and not necessarily from the special education class. During classroom observations, students were not always promptly in class at the start of the period. Apparently such data were not recorded.

Table 1. Percent Comparison of Student Population by Grade, Gender, and Type of Arrangement

Variable	Comparison Schools	Project Schools
	n = 126	n = 112
Grede		
K-1	6×	10%
2-3	15%	29%
4-6	79 ×	61%
Gender		
Femele	37 ×	28%
Mele	55 x	62 ×
Not Indicated	8×	11×
Arrengement		
Resource	46%	44%
Integrated Self-Conf	teined 52×	51%
Full-time Self-Conta	sined 2×	2%
Not Indicated		4×

Table 2 shows mean pretest and posttest scaled scores on the Metropolitan Achievement Tests. Several types of scores were available for comparison. Scaled scores were selected for evaluation based on the MAT Teacher's Manual (1978) recommendations to use scaled scores to compare performance among bettery levels (i.e., students are administered different levels of the test, and scores need to be equated) and to measure change in schievement over a period of time. Complete data were eveilable for 204 students. Hean posttest scaled scores showed improvement over mean pretest scores in all subject areas. Peired comparisons of the difference between the pretest and posttest scaled scores were statistically significantly greater than zero (Table 3).

On the average both comparison and project school children achieved higher scaled scores on the posttest than on the pretest. Data showed comparison school children starting with higher mean pretest scores followed by higher mean posttest scores than those achieved by the project school children. Project school children, however, showed greater gain between pretest and posttest scores.



Table 2. Comperison of Pretest and Posttest Scaled Scores on Metropolitan Achievement Tests

School and Test Subject	Pretest Score	Posttest Score
Comparison Schools (n=120)		
Reading	578	597
Methemetics	497	5.27
Language	461	505
Total	505	537
Project Schools (n=84)		
Reeding	560	591
Methemetics	485	521
Language	452	498
Total	488	529

Table 3. Paired Comparison of Protest and Posttest Score Differences on the Metropolitan Achievement Tests

	neam Differences Between	Posttest and Pretest Scores
Test Subject	Comparison Schools n = 120	Project Schools n = 84
Reading	19*	32+
Mathematics	30*	37*
Lenguege	44•	47•
Total	33*	41•

To determine whether this higher gain was significant, a coverience enelysis was run to control for the difference in pretest scores between schools. Interestingly project school students scored higher edjusted mean posttest scores in methemetics, reading, and the total bettery in contrast to the comparison school children. Differences in scores however, were not statistically significant. Adjusted mean posttest language scores were the same for students of both school semples. Possibly project school children ere benefiting from an extra instructor in the program and are showing greater gains. Next year's MAT results should be revealing in measuring whether project school children can attain 1985 pretest scores which ere similar to this year's posttest scores, and whether they can again show higher gains then comparison school children. 11



Questionneires

Perents

Of the 221 perent questionnaires distributed, 71 were returned. Hore perents of project school (43%) then of comperison school (23%) students returned the questionnaire. Why more project school perents returned the questionnaire is unclear. Possibly because project school teachers were more aware of the evaluation and the project in general they made a greater effort to get students to return questionnaires than did comperison school teachers. The breakdown by grade is shown in Table 4. Respondents do reflect the higher proportion of upper elementary students in the special education program in general as well as the higher proportion of primary level students in the project schools specifically.

Table 4. Distribution of Project and Comparison School Perents by Child's Grade

			Grede			
School	K - 1	2 - 3	4 - 5	6	Not Indicated	Total
Project	6	9	16	11	1	43
Control	1	3	13	11	0	28

Perents whether of project or comperison schools were similarly informed about their child's progress in school. A combination of conferences or letters kept perents updated about their child's performence and problems. Generally the special aducation teacher rather than the regular aducation teacher informed perents about their child. Thus perents' contacts with the special aducation teachers were much more frequent than with regular aducation teachers in both project and comperison schools. Forty-six percent of the perents in both types of schools reported three or more contacts with special aducation teachers in this school year. On the other hand 10% of the perents reported no contacts with regular aducation teachers, and 37% reported three or more contacts.

It was hypothesized that the addition of a part-time teacher would possibly increase the number of contacts with parents as compared to the previous school year. Responses to both principal and teacher questionnaires indicated that conferences with parents was an important area in which



special education teachers should increase their involvement. Such an increase, however, did not occur. Parants may have had difficulty accurately recalling what happened last year, and the number of contacts could be underreported. As mentioned earlier parants in project and comparison schools were similarly distributed by number of contacts with the special education teacher this year. Although contacts were higher in this school year than compared to last year, the increase in parcentage points was the same for both project and comparison schools.

The presence of enother teacher in their child's special education classroom was not known by all the project school parents interviewed. Some parents had been introduced to the part-time teacher, a few had heard their child refer to enother person in the classroom but were unaware of what that person did, and many did not know there had been a part-time teacher.

When in need of information about their child's school work, parents were likely to ask the special education teacher or a combination of the special education teacher and other school staff for this information. Both project and comparison schools reported this practice by a similar percentage of parents. When asked how parents would like to be informed, the highest percentage (63%) of parents of project schools replied by joint conference of special and regular education teachers as compared to telephone, letter, or separate conferences. Our parent interviews indicated this practice was very rare and occurred only because the parent could not attend separate conference dates.

Parents in comparison schools preferred conferences, too, but did not select joint conferences (39%) as often as did project school parents. Conference with the special education teacher alone was preferred by 64% of the control school parents in comparison to 37% of the project school parents. Likewise conference with the regular education teacher alone was chosen by 50% and 23% of the parents respectively. Table 5 compares methods by project and comparison schools.



Table 5. Parents' Preference of Methods to Inform Them about Their Child's School Work*

Method

School	×	Phone	Conf. w/ S. Ed. Tch	Conf. w/ R. Ed. Tch	Joint Conf.	Letter	Other
			***********	*****			
Project	43	26 ×	37%	23×	63%	30×	2%
Comperison	28	21×	64×	50×	39 x	32 x	4×

⁻ Parents were asked to Check all methods they prefer; therefore, percentages are greater than 100%.

Perents' involvement in their child's Individualized Education Program (IEP) plan varied between project and comperison schools. A greeter proportion of parents of project school students indicated they were minimally involved in the IEP (40%) as compared to comparison school parents (14%). Perents of comperison school students, however, reported a greeter percentage of noninvolvement (32%) in comperison to project school parents (16%). Similar percentages of parents in both school types had been heavily involved. There were several nonrespondents (14%) to this question. Table 6 gives the degree of parent invol ement in the IEP plan.

Table 6. Degree of Parent Involvement in the IEP

Degree of Involvement

School	X 		_		rately x		_		Involved ×	Res n	-
Project	43	5	12×	7	16×	17	40×	7	16×	7	16×
Control	28	5	18×	7	25×	4	14×	9	32×	3	11×

Interviews with perents supported the reported low involvement of perents in the preparation of the IEP plan. Perents indicated the plan had usually been prepared by the teacher before the meeting. The details were explained to the



parent and generally approved. Parents did not object to this mathod because many felt the teacher had the best knowledge of the child's performance. Nost indicated they had been given the opportunity to voice objections or add to the plan. A few of our interviews were with perents whose first language was not English, and we conversed through an interpreter usually a relative or an older child. These perents, however, indicated they had gone to the IEP meeting alone and had had difficulty understanding what had been said.

Principal

Questionneires were received from all principals of project (6) and comperison (5) schools. Principals were asked to rate the importance of several responsibilities of a part-time teacher on a scale of 1 (not important) to 5 (very important). There was unanimous agreement (Table 7) among all principals that the most important role of the part-time teacher was individual instruction of students. Principals rated conference with the regular education teacher as a highly important role (mean = 4.5) of the part-time teacher. Interestingly, teachers who were asked the same question gave this role a notably lower rating (mean = 3.7).

Principals of both project and comparison schools similarly rated group instruction of children and assistance in mainstreaming as important roles of part-time teachers. Responsibilities given lower ratings (mean between 3.0 and 4.0) were conferences with parents, recordkeeping, preparation of Individualized Education Program plan, administration of content area tests, consultation with principal, and provision of release time for the special education teacher to attend inservice training.

There were several roles for part-time teachers receiving different ratings by principals of project and comparison schools. The reduction of pupil/teacher ratio received a mean rating of 4.0 by comperison school principals, but a lower rating (mean = 3.5) by project school principals. frequency distribution of responses showed where differences occurred. One comperison school principal did feel reduction of pupil/teacher ratio was not important (rating of 1), but four reted this role of high importance (rating of 4 or 5). Three project school principals gave this role an importance rating of 4 or 5 and three rated it 2 or 3. Preparation of classroom raterials received a higher mean rating of importance (mean = 4.0) by comparison school principals than by project school principals (mean = 3.3). The same mean retings respectively were given to the role conferences with special services staff. Finally consultation with other school staff received a mean importance rating of 4.0 by comperison school principals and 3.5 by project school principals.

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Table 7. Mean Rating of Importance by Principals to the Question, "What in Your Opinion Is, or Would Be the Role of the Part-time Teacher?"

Role	Comperison Schools N = 5	Project Schools N = 6
Individualized Instruction	5.0	5.0
Group Instruction	4.2	4.3
Reduction of Pupil/Teacher Ratio	4.0	3.5
Preparation of Meterials	4.0	3.3
Conferences with Perents	3.8	3.8
Recordkeeping	4.0	3.6
Conferences with Regular Teacher	4.4	4.5
Conferences with Special Services	4.0	3.3
Preparation of IEP Plan	3.8	4.0
Administration of Tests	3.8	3.3
Consultation with Principal	3.8	3.2
Consultation with Other Staff	3.6	3.5
Provision of Release Time	3.8	4.0
Assistance with Meinstreeming	4.2	4.0

*5 = very important and 1 = not important

Principals were given the same list of roles as in the above question and asked what is or would be the role of the full-time special education teacher with the addition of a part-time teacher. Poth individual instruction of students and preparation of the IEP plan were rated as very important by all principals. Generally principals gave all other roles except provision of release time for inservice training and recordkeeping a higher mean importance rating for the special education teacher than for the part-time teacher. In particular conferences with parents, the regular education teacher, special services staff, principal, and other school staff received mean ratings above four by principals of both project and comparison schools. Recordkeeping, preparation of classroom meterials, and administration of tests received importance ratings of four or less by all principals.

The largest diffurence in responses between principals of both school types was found for reduction of pupil/teacher ratio. Comparison school principals gave this role a mean rating of four and the rating of project school principals averaged 2.7.



Table 8. Meen Rating of Importance* by Principals to The Question, "With the Addition of a Part-time Teacher What In Your Opinion Is or Would Be the Role of the Full-time Special Education Teacher?"

Role	Comparison Schools N = 5	Project Schools N = 6
NOTE		
Individualized Instruction	5.0	5.0
Group Instruction	4.4	4.8
Reduction of Pupil/Teacher Ratio	o 4.0	2.7
Preparation of Materials	3.6	4.0
Conferences with Perents	4.4	4.7
Recordkeeping	3.8	3.5
Conferences with Regular Teacher	r 4.6	4.7
Conferences with Special Service		4.5
Preparation of IEP Plan	5.0	5.0
Administration of Tests	4.0	3.7
Consultation with Principal	4.6	4.3
Consultation with Other Staff	4.6	4.3
Provision of Release Time	3.2	3.8
Assistance with Meinstreaming	4.6	4.5

^{=5 =} very important end 1 = not important

All principals felt the part-time teacher should have a college degree, however, they differed in opinion on the type of additional training desired. Comparison school principals placed greater value on further training then did project school principals. Two project principals felt only a college degree was sufficient, and two indicated teaching experience or a professional diploma was also necessary. Two principals felt the qualifications of a part-time teacher should include certification in special education. All comparison school principals felt training beyond the college degree was necessary—two indicated teaching experience or professional diplome and three said special education certification.

Principals were asked several questions related to mainstreaming. One question required the rating of evaluation procedures used to determine when a child is ready to be mainstreamed. A rating of "5" was "very important" and a rating of "1" was "not important." All principals rated academic performance in the classroom as very important. A child's behavioral performance in the classroom, assessment by the special education teacher, and social relationships with peers were also rated highly by principals of both project and comparison schools. Principals of comparison schools placed higher importance on assessment by the regular education teacher and the special services staff and the opinion of perents then did project school principals. Test scores

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received the lowest rating by all principals although the mean comparison school response (4.0) was higher than the mean project school response (3.3).

Table 9. Meen Rating of Importance* by Principals of Criteria to Determine When a Child Is Reedy to be Mainstreamed

Criterie Criterie	omperison Schools N = 5	Project Schools N = 6
Academic Performence in Classroom	5.0	5.0
Behavioral Performance in Classroo	m 5.0	4.8
Assessment by Spec. Ed. Teecher	4.8	4.8
Social Relationship with Peers	4.6	4.5
Assessment by Regular Ed. Teacher	4.8	4.2
Opinion of Perents	4.4	3.6
Assessment by Special Services Sta	ff 4.2	3.3
Test Scores	4.0	3.3

^{*5 =} very important and 1 = not important

Other questions on mainstreaming concerned communication between the special education and regular classroom teachers. When asked how frequently a special education teacher should consult with the child's regular classroom teacher, principals of both project and comparison schools were equally divided. Four principals, two from each type of school, felt meetings one or more times a week was needed. One principal of a comparison school and three of the project school principals said one to three times a month. One principal (comparison) suggested once a month meetings and two said as often as necessary or as needed.

Responses to the degree of involvement of the regular classroom teacher on the development of a child's IEP plan were similarly varied. A project school principal felt the regular teacher should be directly involved (attend meetings, write sections, etc.) in the testing, planning, preparation, and review of the IEP. Three comparison school and two project school principals would like regular classroom teachers to be consulted on a regular basis. Two comparison and three project school principals felt regular classroom teachers should be consulted as needed.



Principals were asked to openly comment on the opportunities provided for special education teachers to meet with regular classroom teachers. Generally teachers must find time on their own during recess, lunch, before end after school, and during their preparation period. Three principals mentioned that faculty meetings provided some time for dialogue. Meetings during instructional time were difficult. Two project school principals recognized that part-time teachers could be utilized to either meet with regular classroom teachers or to free the special education teacher to meet with regular classroom teachers. No such help was available for regular classroom teachers, explained one project school principal, expect in cases "of dire need" when "the principal or counselor could supervise the regular classroom." One comperison school principal admitted the need to provide more time for consultation between special education and regular education teachers.

Teacher

All teachers responded to the questionneire. The sample included five comparison school teachers, six project school teachers, and six pert-time teachers in the project schools. Project school teachers had fewer students (range of 15-25 students) then did comparison school teachers (range 23-26 students). Nine fecilities were full classrooms, and two, one rroject and one comparison classroom, were helf of a pertitioned double classroom. Eight out of the eleven classrooms were situated where noise was heard during parts of the day or throughout most of the day. The distractions occurred in the morning, and during recesses and lunch break. Two project school classrooms had some noise, but teachers did not feel the noise was distracting. All teachers indicated their classrooms were close to available resources or of similar location as regular classrooms. As assessed by the principals on their questionnaire, their facilities were perceived as good or excellent in meetig the needs of their teacers and students.

Different petterns of teachers' involvement in instruction were seen between project and comparison schools. As expected comparison school teachers did all methods of instruction-one-to-one, small group (2-6 students), and large group (greater than 6 students)--everyday in all academic areas. With a part-time teacher in the classroom, project schools divided the responsibilities. Both part-time and project special education teachers were still involved in one-to-one instruction every day. In some schools small group work was divided between special education and part-time teachers into either reading and language, or methematics responsibilities. Some part-time teachers were not involved in large group work.



Project school teachers were more frequently involved per week in conferences and consultations than were comparison school teachers. There was some involvement by four part-time teachers in conferences but not as frequently as was the case for the other teechers. Two part-time teachers were not involved in conferences during a typical week. Project school teachers were more frequently involved per weak in conferences with the edministrator and regular education teacher than were comperison school teachers. On the other hand, comperison school teachers were more frequently involved per week in conferences with perents and in scheduling and coordinating IEP conferences. Conferences with the diagnostic teem involved similar time frequencies by project and comparison school teachers. Involvement in preparation of the IEP plan veried widely among project school teachers from no times during the week to 4-5 times a week. Generally comparison school teachers were involved once a week in preparing Individualized Education Program plans. Two part-time teachers met a 'ut once a week with the administrator and regular education teachers. Generally part-time teachers were not involved in conferences during a typical work.

Class organization and preparation required daily attention by project and comparison school teachers. Two part-time teachers reported involvement 4-5 times a week, three said 2-3 times a week, and one indicated no times during the week. Recordkeeping, plenning lessons, and preparing classroom materials were daily activities for the majority of teachers including part-time teachers. Project school teachers reported most frequent involvement per week (2-3 times a week) in administration of tests then did comparison school teachers (one time a week).

Teachers were asked what the role of the part-time teacher is or would be end their responses provided an interesting comperison to the above question on their ectual involvement in these tasks. Teachers rated the roles on a scale of 1 (not important) to 5 (very important). instruction was rated as a very important role of part-time teachers by all respondents except one comparison achool teacher. As discussed earlier principals were also in agreement with the importance of this role. In actuality pert-time teachers were involved daily in this task. They were also involved in varying frequencies in group instruction, enother highly reted responsibility. All part-time teachers perceived themselves as having a very important role in reducing the pupil/teacher ratio, a role which they actually fulfilled to a large extent considering enrollment in project school classrooms was already less than comparison school classrooms.



Generally conference and IEP responsibilities for the part-time teacher were suen as less important than instruction by project and comparison school teachers. Principals differed with teachers on the importance of only one role, conferences with the regular education teacher. Principals gave this responsibility a mean rating of 4.5 compared to 3.7 by teachers. Helf of the part-time teachers felt conferences with parents, regular education teachers, principals, and special services staff were very important roles for themselves. Helf gave these roles a rating of 3 or less. In practice two part-time teachers reported meeting with the administrator or regular classroom teacher during 3 typical week.

Teachers were divided in opinion on the importance of recordkeeping. Helf felt this was an important role and helf gave it a rating of 3 or less. Actual involvement reflected similar differences. Half of the part-time teachers were involved daily in recordkeeping, the other three reported zero to three times a week. Assistance in mainstreaming was perceived as a more important role of pert-time ter hers by these teacher themselves (mean = 4.7) and by project school teachers (mean = 4.3) then by comparison school teachers (mean -= 3.6). A specific question on their actual involvement in mainstreaming was not asked of teachers. The evaluation team, however, interpreted mainstreaming to include conferences with regular education teachers, principals, and staff, and instruction, roles for which involvement data were collected. Part-time teachers considered themselves to have a rather important role (meen = 4.3) in edministering tests in comparison to comparison and project school teachers (mean = 3.8). However, part-time teachers actually reported being involved once a week or less in this tesk.



Table 7. Mean Rating of Importance* by Teachers to the Question, "Why. Is or Would Be the Role of a Part-time Teacher in the Special Education Progrem?"

	comperison Sch p Ed Teachers N = 5	Project Sch Sp Ed Teachers N = 6	•
Individualized Instruction	4.6	5.0	5.0
Group Instruction	4.6	5.0	4.6
Reduction of Class Ratio	4.6	4.8	5.0
Preparation of Materials	4.4	. 3.7	4.2
Conferences with Perents	3.6	5.5	3.8
Recordkeeping	4.0	3.5	3.5
Conferences with .leg. Ed. Teach	er 3.6	3.7	3.8
Conferences with Spec. Serv. St		3.3	3.8
Preparation of IEP Plan	3.6	3.5	3.5
Administration of Tests	3.8	3.3	4.3
Consultation with Principal	3.2	3.3	4.0
Consultation with School Staff		3.3	3.8
Release Time for Inservice	3.2	4.2	4.2
Assistance in Meinstreaming	3.6	4.3	4.7

^{*5 *} very important and 1 * not important

With the addition of a part-time teacher, teachers were asked in which area w/s it important for the special education teachers to increase their involvement. Individual instruction and preparation of IEP plan were rated by all teachers as very important areas in which the special education teachers should increase their involvement. instruction, reduction of pupil/teacher ratio, conference with regular education teacher, and mainstreaming received high meen importance ratings (range of 4.2 to 4.8). Part-time teachers felt it was more important for special education teachers to increase their involvement in conferences with the special services steff, principal, and other school staff (mean = 4.5, 4.5, 4.3 respectively) as compered to comparison and project school teachers (mean = 3.8, 3.7, 3.4 respectively). Comparison school teachers rated recordkeeping (mean = 4.6) and administration of tests (mean = 4.4) as more important areas then did project school and part-time teachers whose mean ratings for these roles were 3.3 and 3.7 respectively.



Table 8. Meen Rating of Importance by Teachers to the Question, "With the Addition of a Part-time Teacher, in Which Area Should the Special Education Teacher Increase Her Involvement?"

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Role	Control Sch Sp Ed Teechers N = 5	Project Sch Sp Ed Teechers N = 6	
Individualized Instruction	5.0	5.0	4.7
Group Instruction	4.2	4.7	4.8
Reduction of Class Ratio	4.8	4.7	4.7
Preparation of Materials	4.4	4.0	4.2
Conferences with Perents	4.4	4.0	4.7
Racordkeeping	. 4.6	3.0	3.5
Conferences with Reg. Ed. Teach	er 4.2	4.5	4.5
Conferences with Spec. Serv. St	aff 3.8	3.8	4.5
Preparation of IEP Plan	5.0	4.5	5.0
Administracion of Tests	4.4	4.0	3.3
Consultation with Principal	3.6	3.7	4.5
Consultation with School Staff	3.6	3.3	4.3
Release Time for Inservice	3.8	4.3	4.0
Assistance in Heinstreaming	4.2	4.7	4.3

^{*5 =} very important and 1 = not important

All comparison and project school teachers except one were Department of Education certified special education teachers. Training of four of the teachers was in specific learning disabilities; six had studied other areas of emphasis. One of the part-time teachers was a certified special education teacher, two had taken university level courses in special education, two had worked with special education children, and one had no training in special education. This variance in training appears to reflect the range of opinions on the desired qualifications of a part-time teacher by project school principals. For five of the part-time teachers this was their first year of teaching special education children. All other teachers surveyed had from three to over ten years of teaching experience with special education children.

Progress reports were the method all teachers used regularly (every quarter for ten teachers, every semester for one) to inform perents of their child's progress in school. Five achools (four project and one comperison) used weekly or delly reporting to parents of nomework assignments. Two comparison schools used a monthly reporting system of nomework



assignments. Several of these reporting forms were shared with the evaluation team during the observation visit and are included in Appendix 8. Scheduled parent conferences varied from 1-2 times a year for most teachers to monthly for two and even weekly for one teacher. Parent/teacher conferences scheduled jointly with the regular education teacher were held 1-2 times a year by eight teachers, monthly by one comparison school, and not at all by two project schools. Teachers' interpretation of joint scheduling is necessary to understand the results. Back-to-back conferences on the same day, meeting first with one teacher than the other was commonly reported by parents who were interviewed. However, only one parent reported attending a joint conference in which both the special education and regular education teachers were present.

Letters or notes were frequently used by project school teachers. Use of the telephone varied widely among teachers. Part-time teachers were less frequently involved than comparison or project school teachers in all of the methods except the progress reports. Three of the part-time teachers did indicate weekly or daily involvement with the reporting of homework assignments.

Four project school teachers reported generally attending inservice training courses more than four times a year. Two indicated attendence 2-3 times a year. Five of these teachers responded that the training somewhat adequately mut their needs; one reported the training was not very adequate. Two comparison school teachers generally attended inservice training more than four times a year, one went 2-3 times a year, one once a year, and one naver attended. Of those teachers who attended training, one reported that the training was very adequate and three indicated it was somewhat adequate. Five part-time teachers said they generally attended inservice training 3-4 times a year, one reported once a year. All part-time teachers indicated the training was somewhat adequate.

Observations

Classroom Description and Activities

Classrooms were arranged differently to suit the style and needs of individual teachers. Generally a classroom had a cluster of individual desks, one or more large desks for group work, and several carrels. Bulletin boards were usually well decorated and students' works were often displayed. Shelves were generally amp'v 'illed with workbooks, textbooks, and audiovisual materi. One project school had a microcomputer in the classroom. Distracting outside noise did not seem to bother either students or teachers.



Class size varied ranging from two to thirteen students during a time period. This number way have been amallar than usual because as explained earlier observations were done during the middle of Ney. Many students were out of the room being tested, on field trips, or engaged in assemblies and other end-of-school activities.

The common method of instruction in all classes was individual assignments which were checked by the special education or part-time teacher. Students were recognized by either raising their hand or going to the teacher. Time lapses before being helped were frequent. Interaction with the teacher was limited except when students were probed for the correct answer. A group of students working on individual assignments with a teacher at the table was also frequently observed. Students would be working on different workbooks, pages, or levels of a similar activity such as reading comprehension, letter combinations and sounds, or mathematics. Tutoring by a fellow student and students correcting each other's work were seen in two classrooms.

Group work of students engaged in the same activity like reading aloud was observed in five classrooms and was not a common method of instruction. An example of this type of activity was 5-6 students taking turns to read aloud from a book or a group dramatizing a story being read. To introduce a methematics lesson a teacher explained division with a remainder on the board to three students. Following her presentation each student then did an example on the board before starting their worksheets. A third example was a class discussion of types of written communication. Students were asked to determine the audience to whom the communication was usually addressed and the purpose for writing it. There was much inquiry by the teacher and support of students' ideas. Another activity was eight minutes of exercises done by the class before the morning lessons began.

Intricate reward and incentive systems were observed in three project school classrooms. Points, sters, or chips were received for classroom work completed, homework completed, good behavior, and other accomplishments. One class of students had points deducted for negative behavior. These points could be traded for treats or the opportunity to peticipate in special activities at the end of the week. Two teachers, one from a project school, the other from a comparison school, gave out stickers for work completed successfully.

Academic Engagement Time

Coded data supported field note observations that students spent much of their time in special education classrooms working on their own and at their own pace. Control school students were observed working by themselves on



39% of the 292 time sempling points. During both the first end second visits of project schools, students were self-engaged during 41% of the observed sampling points. On these visits 239 and 366 time sampling points were completed respectively. Small group (2-6 students) organization was seen in 32% of the comperison school observations, large group (greater than 6 students) in 19%, and one-to-one instruction in 10% of the time sampling points. Group organization differed between the first and second observation visits of the project schools. One-to-one instruction occurred on 38% of the observations during the first visit and 20% of the time during the second visit, small-group work 21% and 27% respectively and large-group work 0% and 12% respectively.

The eveilebility of a part-time teacher may have increased the one-to-one contact seen more often in project schools. Furthermore project school students were observed to have a high degree of contact (direct contact or instruction) with their teacher or part-time teacher in about half of the observed time sampling points. In contrast high degree of contect with the teacher was observed in one-third of the time sampling points of comparison school clausrooms and low degree of contact (student would have to get up and physically move to get the teacher's attention) was recorded 54% of the time. Low contact was observed more frequently (47% of observed sempling points) during the second visit of the project schools then the first visit (24x of observed sempling points). Medium contact (student would be able to get the teacher's attention with mis mal effort) was observed in comparison schools in 10% of the sampling points, and in project schools 20% (first visit) and 10% (second visit) of the observations.

Table 9. Observed Time Frequencies of Group Setting and Degrae of Contact with Teacher in the Classroom

	Comparison Schools		Project Schools 2nd Observation
	N = 5	N = 6	N = 6
	TSP = 292	TSP = 239	TSP = 366
Group Setting			
Self	39%	41×	41x
One-to-one	10%	38*	20x
Small Group	32×	21%	27%
Large Group	19%	0%	1.2%
Degree of Contac	:t		
High	36 %	56%	43x
Medium	10%	20%	10x
Low	54%	24×	47×

TSP = Time Sampling Points; The frequencies are based on this number.



In each of the classes visited the observer collected time sempling data on student engagement. Observers recorded whether students were engaged academically, not engaged, or involved in interim activities such as getting materials for another lesson.

Frequencies on student engagement time were tabulated for each comparison and project school. The number of samplings dong on each teacher varied and the frequencies were weighted to account for this variance. The mean engagement rates were 69% for students in comparison schools and 79% and 75% for students during the first and second visits respectively of project schools. Student time on task ranged from 54% to 83% in comparison schools and 58% to 92% in project schools. Higher mean engagement rates were found when students were in high rather than low contact with an adult. Again the availability of a part-time teacher which may have increased high contact with students, may have raised engagement tess in project schools as compared to comparison schools.

A mean nonengaged rate of about 13% was seen in both samples of schools. Interim activities accounted for 19% of the engaged time in comparison schools and 7% (first visit) and 13% (second visit) of project schools. Project school students were more often observed in reading and mathematics lessons than were comparison school students who were widely involved in language skills, writing, and other activities as well.

A separate analysis of engagement time when in contact with part-time teachers was done on project schools. Although more than helf of the total time sampling points were observations on the part-time teacher, this sampling was smaller than desirable. Furthermore, because the number of observations on the part-time teacher varied widely among schools, the results should be interpreted cautiously. On everage the engagement rate of students in contact with the part-time teacher was 78% (first visit) and 70% (second visit). On both occasions the rate for the part-time was slightly lower than the verall mean percentages. Mean nonengaged rates for the part-time teacher was a high 13% on the first visit and dropped to 8% on the second visit, a notably lower figure than the overall finding.

Engagement rates by group arrangement were compared. Hean percentages of students engaged in individual assignments were 71% and 76% for first and second visits to project schools respectively. Small-group work involving two to six students showed higher mean on task percentages, 86% (first visit) and 83% (second visit) than individual work. These differences in engagement rate by group setting were not seen in comperison schools where small-group work engaged students 49% of the time and individual assignments 17% of the time. In comperison to project schools these angagement rates were notably lower for either arrangement.



Active Teaching Behaviors

The research literature suggests that several teaching variables are causally related to student achievement (Welberg, et al., 1983). Observers used a modification of an instrument developed by the Fer West Laboratory for aducational Research and Development to collect data on the use of these variables by teachers in the study. In any given lesson, teachers are not expected to use all the behaviors on the list; however, the overall low use of specific behaviors may mean that some teachers do not have those behaviors in their repertoire. Table 10 presents a summery of the use of these teaching behaviors in the observed classrooms. The data represent performance or nonperformance; the number of times the behavior occurred in each classroom was not recorded.

Table 10. Number of Teachers Using Active Teaching Behaviors

_	Teeching Behaviors	Comparison Schools N = 5	•					
1.	The teacher actively presented instruction/information	teacher actively presented instruction/information.						
	a) Stated what students were to learn in lesson	1	2					
	b) Outlined the lesson before proceeding	1	1					
	c) Explained concepts, definitions, etc.	2	3					
	d) Reviewed goels, previous related instruction	0	2					
	e) Illustrated how to do the work	2	4					
	f) Questioned to see if students understood	4	4					
	g) Answered students' questions about what to do	ş	4					
	h) Summarized what was presented or had been done	1	1					
	i) Moved the class quickly between activities	4	1. 5					
2.	The teacher established and maintained engagement							
	of students in instruction, tasks, activitites.							
	e) Told students to ettend to tesks	4	5					
	b) Explained rules of behavior	3	4					
	c) Signalled students to get to work	2	3					
	d) Resolved potential disruptions	2	1					
	e) Resolved student misbehavior	2	3					
	f) Told students their behavior was appropriate of	r						
	ineppropriete	3	5					
	g) Encouraged students to keep up	2	4					
	h) Sustained momentum in the lesson	4	4					
_	i) Adjusted instruction to students' speed	0	4					



Table 10 continued. Number of Teachers Using Active Teachers Behaviors

3.	The teacher monitored students' progress in learning, completing teaks.						
	a)	· ·	3	4			
	b)	Reviewed students' work when it was completed	4	6			
	c)	Recorded students' work when it was completed	3	3			
	d)	Monitored students' responses	4	4			
	•)	Roemed the room, checking students' work	3	5			
	£)	Questioned students: learned a concept, a fact	3	2			
	g)	Encouraged inquiry by students to clarify, explain concepts	3	1			
	p)	Used students' ideas to clarify, expand, rainforce concepts	2	1			
	1)		<u>1</u>	4			
4.	The	teacher provided instructional feedback to student					
•		Told student enswer (work) was correct or not	4	6			
	ы	Provided "key" so students could check enswers	1	3			
	c)	Modeled appropriate responses for students	0	3			
	d)	Demonstrated how to complete work correctly	1	1			
	•)	Encouraged or supported students for work completed correctly	3	5			
	£)	Responded to cultural clues and used to further instruction	0	1	(
	g)	Promoted self-concept or self-esteem of students	3	1			

^{*} Data are from first observation visits. Four part-time teachers were coded individually. Both part-time and special education teacher were coded in two classrooms.

Because the numbers are few comparisons are difficult to describe. Stating what students were to learn, outlining the lesson, and reviewing and summerizing work were generally seen less trequently in both project and comparison schools. Adjusting instruction to student's speed, collecting student's work, and modeling appropriate responses for students occured in more project than comparison schools.



Interviews

The utilization of parent interviews for data collection is rere because of the time required of a parent and of the interviewer in scheduling appointments. However, because of the summer interim, the evaluators felt parents would be open to interviews and be flexible about scheduling appointments. In eddition perents ere en integral part of the special education certification end evaluation process and would likely provide valuable input to the study. The parents interviewed were indeed willing to shere information and were sincerely concerned about the influence of special education on their child. Twenty-five perent interviews were completed and included ten from comparison schools and 15 from project schools. There was general satisfection with the help children were receiving from the special education program. Furthermore both perents end children liked end respected the special education teacher. Some children had been detected during preschool yeers or kindergerten as needing special services, and their perents were grateful that help had begun early. On the other hand some parents were unhappy because their child hed been certified in later grades and now seemed to be fer behind their grade level. A teacher expressed similar concern about the two-grade-level deficit that is a guideline in determining certification. By the time children receive special services the amount of catch-up work required is immense.

Meinstreaming was another critical issue of parents, perticularly those of fifth and sixth graders. These parents were anxious about their child's placement in the seventh grade. They wented their child to receive the kind of essistence which would help the child confidently handle work given in the regular classroom. Parents were concerned that the regular education teacher was not always aware of what their child was learning in the special education classroom. There were sometimes conflicts in the assessment by both teechers on what the child was capable of doing. Homework assignments were not elweys coordinated resulting in lcts of homework on some days and none on other days. Similarly supplies required were not coordinated so a parent would buy extre items as requested for the special education class, and leter the child would bring home similar unused items from the reguler cless. Perents mentioned some services being provided to fecilitate mainstreaming and open communication between regular and special education teachers. One parent reported going with the special education teacher to talk with the regular classroom teacher. Another said the same materials used in regular classrooms were given to children in the special classes. One perent offered the suggestion of special education teachers spending time in childrens' regular cleasrooms providing help with essignments given there. project school is already considering such assistance. Reguler education teachers at the school were asked in an intervention essessment questionneire whether this service can 30



be implemented in their classrooms in September, 1985. All regular classroom teachers responding (7) agreed to the idea.

Social promotion was a concern of two guardians of immigrant children who were struggling in class but were promoted to the next grade level because of their age. Parents themselves expressed a need to lower the ratio of students to teacher. A parent who at one time observed lifteen children in the class to one teacher felt this ratio was too high. Several parents also reported that their child was being teased by other children in school and were torn between the need for special services versus the desire for normal social relationships for their child.

The IEP was generally accepted as a useful tool by perents who had great confidence in the teacher's ability to know what 'as academically best for their child. One parent questioned whether perents really understood the IEP which contains a lot of words, and whether objectives such as attainment of 80x of performence in an area could be accurately measured. Another perent felt the IEP should be shared with the perent before the meeting so that questions could be prepared sheed of time. Teachers have also tried to make the IEP more manageable for themselves in terms of monitoring student progress and for perents in helping them understand its use. Two teachers shared IEP forms they had developed and these are included in Appendix B.

LITERATURE REVIEW ON TIME AND LEARNING

Several time and learning studies have researched the association of time on task and student achievement (Fredrick & Welberg, 1980). The theory implies that learning is determined by the amount of time allocated to a suject as well as the percentage of time students are engaged in a task.

The Follow Through observation study (Stallings, 1975) reported that time spent in mathematics, reading, and academic verbal interactions was related to achievement. Furthermore, time spent in small groups (as opposed to one-to-one instruction) was associated with student academic gain. Another study by Stallings (1980) was conducted in remedial reading classrooms of secondary schools. Variables positively related to reading gain were described as Interactive On-Task instruction and included activities such as discussion/review, reading aloud, preise and support, and positive corrective feedback. Noninteractive On-Task instruction (monitoring students working on written assignments or reading silently) and Off-Task activities (behavior problems and transition time) were related to low or no gain 1



Good and Becherman (1978) reported a time-on-task study of sixth grade classrooms. A higher percentage of pupils who were definitely involved were observed in small or large group activity with the teacher than in individual or whole-class activities. A comparison of low achievers and high achievers found time involved on task was less for the former than the later.

A study of nine elementary schools by Thurlow, et. al. (1982a) compared the nature of instruction and academic responding time between learning disabled (LD) and nonlearning disabled (non-LD) students over the entire school day. Learning disabled students were found to receive significantly more individual instruction and more instruction with the teacher at their side than non-LD students. Low academic responding time accounting for 25x of students' responding time was found for both LD and non-LD students. The study, however, was not able to find a clear relationship between achievement and responding time.

A followup study (Thurlow, et.el., 1982b) distinguished between time spent by LD students in regular and resource classrooms. LD students were most often instructed in individual and small-group arrangements while in the resource room but spent the largest percentage of time in entire-group structure in the regular classroom. LD students received more teacher approval in the resource room than in the regular classroom. LD students in the resource classroom received 25 times as much individual teaching as non-LD students in the regular classroom during the same time period.

Findings from the Beginning Teacher Evaluation Study of elementary reading and mathematics classrooms showed that more time ellocated to a particular content area resulted in higher achievement levels. Engagement rates were highly variable across classes and the variability was found to be related to achievement. Group settings yielded differences in engagement. Students working with a teacher were usually engaged 79-88% of the time and students working alone and pacing themselves were engaged 68-73% of the time. Interaction between teachers and students consisting of presentations of information, questioning and monitoring of atudents, and feedback was found to be associated with higher levels of student engagement.

Lerrivee (1985) validated those teaching behaviors and skills which are effective for successful mainstreaming of students. A supportive instructional style and classroom environment were correlated with learning gains. This learner support system included the use of positive and sustaining feedback, a high success rate (in response to questions or learning teaks), minimum student transitional or waiting time, and infrequent criticism or punitive intervention.



DISCUSSION

In the present evaluation study the high frequency of sampling points in which students were working alone provided sporadic observable interaction between teacher and student. Activities centered around completing and correcting workbook assignments. There was a sharp contrast in enthusiasm between students working alone and students in a group activity. In classrooms where discussion did occur, students were actively involved in contributing their ideas. One lively class discussion on how to clean fish served as an introduction to a reading assignment. The pacing was much slower for students engaged in individual work and teacher intervention because behavioral problems was frequently observed.

The discussion in this section will focus on the project school special education and part-time teachers and program. The presence and impart of the Instructional Assistance Component in the project schools will be explored.

The structuring of students' time in the special education class was similar among classes. Students were commonly observed entering a room and apparently knowing that they had to turn in their homework and find out their new assignments which were often posted on the chalk-oard or written in students' folders. Starting the morning opening period with a common activity was observed in two classrooms and appeared to be an excellent time for teachers to acknowledge students' presence and also for students to feel part of a group. However, a few minutes later students were at their desk with their individual assignment. The opener was just that, not an introduction to what would follow. group session before each instructional period was rare. Students raised their hands or walked up to the teacher's desk when they needed help. After completing the assignment, they had it checked, then looked up their next assignment and proceeded with it. Work was individually paced, performance of students was monitored, and feedback was immediate. literature suggests these are important factors in learning. However, upon observation the operation seemed mechanical, the spontaniety of learning seemed lacking.

Monitoring or keeping track of student progress on instructional tasks was described by Fisher, Berliner, et al. (1980) as teacher questioning in a group seating or teacher circulating around the room and was differentiated from explanation specifically in response to student need. Explanation in response to need which most often occurred during seatwork was negatively associated with high student success in the BTES. In the present study observers could not always distinguish the kind of help, whether explanation or checking of work, that students were receiving. Students constantly sought the teacher's at ention by raising their hands or walking over to the teacher. Recorded observations indicated the occurrence of both types of teaching behaviors, explanation in response to need and the checking of student



work. The highly desirable monitoring by teacher questioning, in a group setting was not common. Clearer data on how often students were in need of explanation may help determine whether assignments were too difficult or seatwork had not been adequately introduced or explained.

Questions were often student initiated rather than teacher directed. Students had limited opportunities to interact with each other in teacher-led lectures or discussions to exchange ideas or experiences or to review mutual assignments, and thus seemed anxious to make contact with their peers in other ways resulting in distractions and behavioral disruptions. Students were reminded to get back to work or reprisended for inappropriate behavior. The research has shown that frequent use of such intervention is negatively associated with student learning. The effective teachers in Larrivee's study (1985) intervened an averaged of three times per hour. Punitive interventions were observed less than 4% of the time. Supportive behaviors including individual assistance, further explanation, encouragement, and affection were the preferred intervention strategies. Students of the teachers in Larrivee's study remained on task an average of 85% of the time.

Although students were observed to be on task, the difficulty for a coder to make a decision was real. Was the student who was looking at an open workbook or paper with pencil in hand thinking or daydreaming? Moving lips or use of fingers for mathematics was discernible but students spent valuable seconds looking at open workbooks. Were the lessons too difficult for them? Did the students not understand what they were supposed to do or why they were doing it?

The part-time teacher was being utilized to assist in instruction as the project intended. Project school students were receiving one-to-one instruction and direct contact with their teachers more often than comparison school students. At what point does one-to-one instruction lose its effectiveness? Larrivee (1985) found that effective teachers made greater use of grouping practices than one-to-one instruction. Effective teachers were found to spend 62% of class time in small-group work including individualized instruction, and 38% of the time in large-group instruction. One-to-one instruction accounted for 15% of the individualized instruction. Several studies have mentioned higher engagement rates of students taught in group rather than individually (Stalling, 1980, Good and Becherm.n, 1978).

One-to-one instruction was seen as desirable by parents who, however, were aware that such interaction could not occur as frequently in their child's regular classroom. Close attention to students by the special education teacher was also perceived by several parents as the reason their child enjoyed and sometimes even preferred the special class. Two parents described the "caring nature" of their child's special



education teacher. Mainstreaming students is a critical issue here if children in special classes come to expect individual attention which is less likely to occur in their regular classroom.

The use of a part-time teacher to free the special education teacher to consult more closely with the regular education teacher was seen as a desirable role by the College of Education consultant. Responses to the questionnaires did indicate that principals and part-time teachers felt special education teachers should increase their role in such conferences. Special education teachers, however, did not give this role as high a rating. Several parents commented on the movement of their child between classes in response to a question on mainstreaming their child. They were concerned about their child missing work being given in the regular classroom. They were concerned about their child not receiving adequate help on work done in the regular classroom. They wondered if regular education teachers knew what their child was learning in special education. Nearly all parents were told their child was progressing. But how did this progress relate to the child's functioning in the regular classroom?

In only one school did a part-time teacher appear to be actively involved in facilitating mainstreaming. An intervention survey was sent to regular education teachers at the end of the school year to assess how the special education program had helped the children function in their regular classes. Responses by the regular education teachers were favorable. (See Appendix B-1.)

Parents appear to be in regular contact with the special education teacher at least annually at the IEP meeting and in most cases several other times through progress report conferences, notes, or telephone calls. An extra teacher in the program did not increase contacts with parents or otherwise affect communication with the home. Parents in need of information about their child stopped by their child's classroom or wrote notes to the teacher. Although parents seemed to feel they could get information, they had many questions to ask the interviewers. How can I help my child at home? What will happen when my child goes to seventh grade? My child is being teased about receiving special instruction, what can I do? When will my child be able to stay in the regular classroom?



Interviewed perents comprised about one-third of the respondents to the questionneire. Those who opted for the interview probably included perents with high interest in their child's ecademic progress and knowledgeable about their child's needs. Given these considerations the next question is "How can the work of the pert-time and special education teacher be effectively plenned so that the program can be responsive to perents' concerns and students' needs?" Effective meinstreaming and communication with the regular education teacher must also fit into this plan. Support from the principal and other school staff is critical.

Honolulu District Office scheduled three project meetings for the part-time teachers. One was a true inserving on classroom management, the others were on project and MAT orientation. The training and experience of the part-time teachers varied upon entry into the project and likewise their instructional assignments differed from school to school. Additional training may be necessary to tighten their competencies and to establish common project goals and strategies for utilizing the part-time teacher to attain these goals. Having a part-time teacher with special education training seased to be a positive factor in meeting the objectives of the project and should be considered a desirable qualification for the position.

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

An evaluation of the Instructional Assistance Component of the Honolulu District Office, Special Education, was conducted in April-July, 1985. Six project and five comparison elementary schools participated in the evaluation. Data were collected through classroom observations, parent and teacher interviews, and questionnaires given to principals, teachers, and perents. Honolulu District Office administered the Natropolitan Achievement Tests in November 1984 and April 1985 and the pretest and posttest scores were made available to the evaluation staff.

One-to-one instruction as well as high degree of contact with the teacher occurred more frequently in project schools than in comparison schools. Overall children working by themselves was observed more frequently than group work or one-to-one instruction. Students in project school clausrooms were observed engaged in their task during 75x to 79x of the time sampling points compared to a 69x ungagement rate by comparison school students. Some of the active teaching behaviors such as stating what students are to learn, outlining the lessons, and reviewing and summarizing work were observed in few classrooms. Questioning to see if students understood, telling students to attend to task, and telling students their enswer was correct or incorrect were more commonly observed.



Perent interviews indicated they were generally satisfied with the special education program and teacher. Areas of their concern included late identification of need for special services, mainstreaming, communication between the special education and regular education teachers, and labeling and teasing of children in special classes by their classmates.

Special education teachers of project schools appreciated their pert-time teachers, and some comparison school teachers felt they could also use extra help. Instructional responsibilities assigned to the pert-time teacher varied among the project schools. Some were responsible for students of designated grade levels, others for the subject matter area. A variety of classroom managerial and structural methods were described by teachers or observed in the classroom.

Principals and teachers were in agreement that the primary role of the pert-time teacher was instruction of students. In fact pert-time teachers reported that their most frequent involvement was in instruction. With the addition of a pert-time teacher, the major roles of the special education teacher were seen as instruction and preparation of IEP plans. Their role in conferences with perents and staff was given higher ratings of importance by principals and pert-time teachers than by the special education teachers themselves. Principals reported that before and after school, recesses, lunch break, preparation periods, and faculty meetings were times available for the special education teacher to meet with the regular education teachers and other staff. Principals recognized the difficulty of providing time for open communication during the school day.

An expension of the project is already underway for the school year 1985-86. There are several recommendations.

- 1. Identify common project goals and strategies for the part-time teacher and special education teacher team. These include strategies to facilitate mainstracting, address parental concerns, open communication with the regular education teacher, and insure children are receiving appropriate instruction.
- 2. Reevaluate approprateness of instructional material particularly seatwork materials for each child. When seatwork materials are used, make sure students are prepared (assignment introduced and directions understood) to work on their assignment.



- 3. Provide inservice training which promote teaching behaviors found to be effective with special-needs students. These behaviors include positive and encouraging feedback, sustaining feedback, limited criticism, accurate diagnoses, proper presentation to insure clarity and understanding of expectations, and teacher-directed group activities including question and enswer, review, discussion, and summerizing.
- 4. Recises monitoring techniques. Monitoring by question and enswer versus checking whether work is correct or incorrect, and by moving around the room versus remaining in one place result in increased engagement time.
- 5. Reessess the demends of individualizing instruction to the extent it requires extensive recordkeeping of skills mestered, continuous selection and assignment of learning tasks, and meticulous monitoring of students' progress at the expense of pupil-teacher interaction. Of course teachers must remain responsive to individual students' needs. The method of attaining this goal should include a belance of instructional practices.
- 6. Inform all faculty, staff, and parents of special education children (letter to parents is probably adequate) in project schools about the Instructional Assistance Component. Inform comparison school principals and teachers about the project as well as the specific content of their involvement in the evaluation in writing.
- 7. Continue evaluation through year 2 of the project. Data collection should be ongoing throughout the school year. Mainstreaming activities in particular need further study.

Honolulu District Office has taken the initiative in providing pert-time teachers on a pilot basis to special education programs of selected schools. Hiring of pert-time teachers addresses the issue of lowering the pupil/teacher ratio in special education classes. The evaluation showed that a lower ratio did result in a higher number of teacher-student contacts in project as opposed to comparison schools. However, number of contacts is not the only indicator. Other factors, namely the effectiveness of the teaching environment in maximizing the interaction of the contact and the successful mainstreaming of children, should be given top priority in the second year of the project.



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Appendix A

Evaluation Instruments



INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANCE COMPONENT

PRIMCIPAL QUESTIONNAIRE

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1.	What in your opinion is, or would	be, the	ROLE O	F THE	PART-T	IME	
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	preparation of Individualized Education Program Plan administration of content area tests consultation with principal consultation with other school staff provision of release time for part- time special education teacher to attend inservice training assist in mainstreaming
3.	What do you feel should be the qualifications of a part-time special education teacher? teaching experience only
	college degree only in any field including education college degree in any field including education and teaching experience or professional diploma college degree in education and special education certification other - please describe
4.	How frequently do you feel a special education teacher should consult with the child's regular classroom teacher? one or more times a week one to three times a month every ther month once or twice during the school year other, please explain
5.	What do you feel should be the involvement of the regular classroom teacher on the development of a child's Individualized Education Program (IEP) Plan?
	directly involved (attend meeting, write sections, etc.) in testing, planning, preparation, and review regularly consulted during testing, preparation and review consulted as needed during testing, preparation and review need not be involved.



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INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANCE COMPONENT TEACHER QUESTIONNAIRE

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a) Of your time spent in conferences and consultations, rate each of the following activities in terms of involvement during a typical week.

		4-5 times a week	2-3 times a week	1 time a week	no times a week
	conferences with parents conferences/consultation wateringstrator	vith 4			
	regular education teacher conferences/consultation w	er4	3	2	1
	diagnostic team preparing Individualized	4			
	Education Program (IEP). scheduling and coordinating of participants for IEP		3	2	1
	conference	4	3-,	2	1
b)	Of your time spent in instactivities in order terms				
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c)	Of your time spent in class rate each of the following during a typical week.	sroom prepa	ration and d	organizatio	on,
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	recordkeeping planning lessons preparing classroom materiadministering tests	4 .als.4	3	2	1



6)	Are you a Department of Edu	cation	certif	ied spe	ecial ed	ucation	teacher?
	If YES, please describe you	ur area	of emp	hesis.			
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	If NO, which of the follows education?	ing desc	cribes	your tr	raining	in spec	ial
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	Work experience with a Other, please describe						
	None of the above						
7)	How many years have you bee less than 1 year 1 - 2 years	en teacl	hing sp	ecial e	education	n child	ren?
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	6 - 10 years						
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9)	About how often do you revo	iew eacl	h child	's IEP?	•		
	Once a semester						
	once a quarter						
	once every school year	c .					
10	Listed below are various of child's progress in the progress in the progress continues and to keep parameters.	cogram.	Indic	ate the	•		
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	conference						
	impromptu in-person conference						
	letter or note to parents						
	progress reports (report						
	cards) parent-teacher conference						
	scheduled jointly with						
	regular education						
	teacher						
	Reporting on homework assignments		A	17			
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11) What do you feel is or would be the <u>ROLE OF A PART TIME TEACHER</u> in the special education program? Please rate the following on a scale from most to least important.

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13)	What kinds of materials do you use in instruction? (check as many as apply)
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	government printed materials (not textbooks)
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	manipulative materials (purchased)
	manipulative materials (putchased)
	audio visual (films, video, tape cassettes, flash cards, etc.)
	meterials (purchased)
	microcomputer tutorials or programming
	teacher-developed materials, please describe
	other, please describe
(4a)	Generall; how often do you attend inservice training courses or workshops of all types (DOE or UH sponsored, on own time or during work day) more than 4 times a year 2 - 3 times a year once a year never
b)	How adequately does the inservice training offered meet your needs?
	somewhat adequately
	not very adequately
	not at all adequately
c)	I would like the following topics covered in inservice training.
•	Please list.
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15)	Diagnostic testing (by special services staff) of children for certification in special education is:
	very adequate
	somewhat adequate
	not very adequate
	not at all adequate
16)	The reports received from the diagnostic team are:
	very useful
	somewhat useful
	not very useful
	not at all useful
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Dear Parent,

The Honolulu District Office of the State Department of Education is conducting a study of its special education program. The University of Hawai'i is helping to carry out this study. We would like your thoughts about your child and the special education program. Please complete the questionnaire and place it in the enclosed envelope. Have your child return the envelope with the completed questionnaire to the teacher. Your responses will be kept confidential.

If you have any questions, please call us at 948-7900 or 948-7793. Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely yours,

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INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANCE COMPONENT PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

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Sex	of childMale Female
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	roximate date, if known, child was placed in special education gram
1.	How are you usually informed about your child's progress in school? (check one)
	telephone call from special education teacher or other school staff
	conference with special education teacher
	conference with regular education teacher
	conference with other school staff; please list staff
	letter from the teacher or school a combination of the above; please describe
2.	How many contacts (telephone call, letter, conference, report cards, etc.) have you had with your child's special education teacher this school year?
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3.	How many contacts (telephone call, letter, conference, report cards, etc.) have you had with your child's regular education teacher this school year?
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	programs?	es	no	don't k	tnow
	Speech and Hearing Therapist				
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	contact the principal contact the counselor contact the special education teacher contact the regular education teacher a combination of the above; please in	r	which p	ersons	
	never had the need for information				



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8	By what means do you like to be informed	shout would	
•	in school? (Check as many as apply)	about you	GHILD & WOLK
	In action: (Check de many de appry)		
	telephone call from special educati	on teacher	or other school
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	conference with special education t	eacher	
-	conference with regular education t		
	joint conference with both special	education a	and regular
	clearnon teachers		
	letter from the teacher or school		
	other, please explain		
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9.	Which area(s) are you most concerned abo	ut regardi:	ng your child's
	school work? (check as many as apply)	•	
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	reading		
	writing		
	spelling		
	speech		
	mathematics		
•	other areas, please list		
10.	Within the last month which of the follo	wing activa	ities did you do
	with your child?		
		yes .	no
	Help with homework		
	Read books together		
	Write stories, letters, poems, etc		
	Participate in sports or other		
	recreational activities		
	Go to the supermarket		
	Watch TV		
	Other; please list		
11.	In which r the following activities is	your child	now
	participa .ng?		
		yes	no
	organized sports including swimming,		
	karate, baseball, soccer, gymnastics,		
	football, etc		
	dance lessons		
	music lessons		
	erts and crafts programs		
	private tutor for reading, math, etc		
	after school foreign language programs.		
	other programs; please list		

12.	To what degree were you involved in the preparation of your child's Individualized Education Program (IEP) Plan?
	heavily involved (involved from the start in devalopment and planning, attended IEP planning meeting and offerst deveral suggestions, gave feedback to teacher and others)
	at most one or two suggestions)
	minimally involved (attended IEP planning meeting and approved plan which had been prepared.
	not involved
13.	How often have you participated in the evaluation of your child's Individualized Education Program Plan this school year?
	2 or more times this school year 1 time this school year none yet, but evaluation being planned before June other, please describe
	What are your major concerns about your child and the special education program?



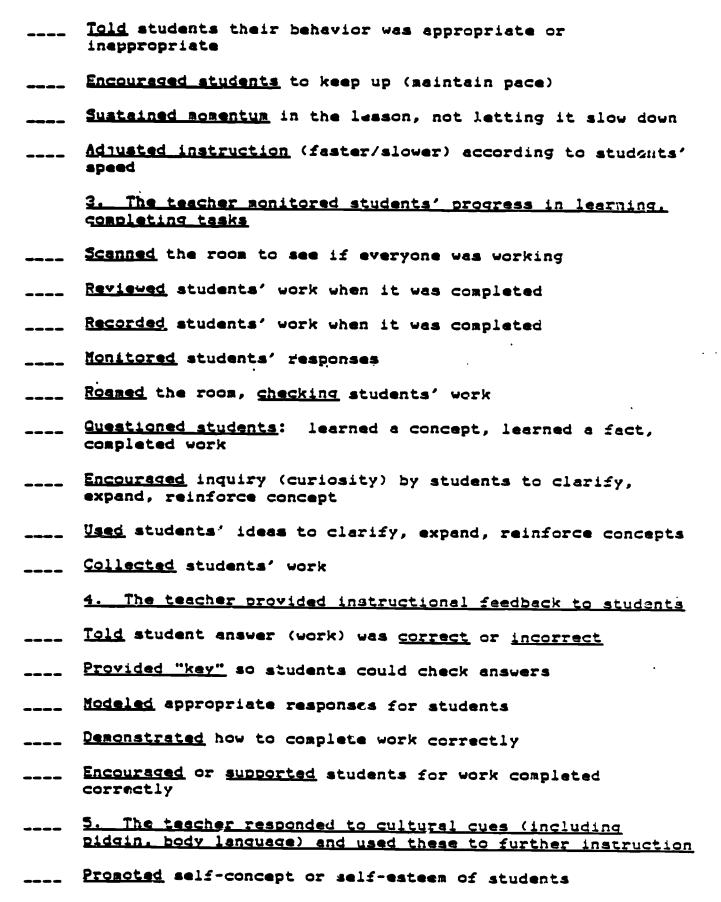
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INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT EVALUATION TEACHER INSTRUCTIONAL BEHAVIOR RECORD

SITE:	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 CLASS NUMBER:
TODAY	'S DATE: OBSERVER NUMBER:
LESSO	N TYPE: one to one small group 2-6 large group > 6
APPRO	XIMATE LESSON DURATION:
the t	are listed those teacher behaviors which may have occured during ime you observed instruction for this lesson. For each, place a mark in the appropriate box if it occurred (even if it red only once, you should check the box).
	1. The teacher actively presented instruction/information
	Stated what students were to learn in lesson (goals, objectives)
	Outlined the lesson before proceeding
	Explained: concepts, definitions, relationship of tasks to goals, etc.
	Reviewed: goals, previous related instruction, etc.
	Illustrated: how to do the work, how to do a problem, etc.
	Questioned students to see if they understood
	Answered student's questions about what they were to do
	Summarized: what was presented, what class had done or learned, etc.
	Moved the class quickly from one activity or lesson to another
	2. The teacher established and maintained engagement of students in instruction, tasks, activities
•=	Told students to attend to tasks (whole class or individually)
	Explained the rules of behavior
	Signalled students to get to work (turned off lights, eye contact, etc.)
	Resolved potential disruptions
3	Resolved student misbehavior 57

Resolved student misbehavior





Description of classroom:

Notes:



INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANCE COMPONENT

Parent Interview

1.	Explain study:	Research	study to improve special education
		program,	specifically learning disability program.

- 2. Thank you: We appreciate their help. Subtly try to determine why they decided to be interviewed. Did they feel like they were supposed to call us? Need not ask outright.

 During the interview their reason might become apparent.
- 3. Confide tiality: All responses will be kept confidential.
- 4. Are they satisfied with what DCE is providing in special education programs?

5. Good points (what parent likes) about the program?

6. Areas parent would like to see changed or improved.



7. Are they familiar with the IEP? Do they understand it? Is it of use to the parent?

8. How does parent like to be involved in helping child with schoolwork?

9. Do parents know enough of what's happening to child in school? If not how would they like to be kept informed?

10. If parent's first language is not English ask if parent is getting the information he or she would like to have about child.

11. If parent thinks of other things he or she would like to share, please tell them to call us again.

Appendix B

Report Forms Used

by Project School Teachers

- B-1 Lanakila School
- B-2 Liholiho School
- B-3 Lunalilo School



INTERVENTION SURVEY SUMMARY

comijle led teachers with Regular students in Necols special. classrooms. their

Primary areas of intervention (classroom work we are presently assisting student with.)

Language arts- spelling, book reviews, poetry, basic reading skills Social Studies and Science, accepting responsibility, and basic skills.

- Unit pre/post test scores November 1984 to May 1985.
 - Grade 6- B (4 times), S+ (3 times), S(5 times), S- (3 times), U (4 times), missed 7 tests Spelling Units 1-28
 - Grade 6- Science Unit 1 S+/S, Unit 2 S/S, Unit 3 B/E, Unit 4 B/Kcused, Unit 5 S/S, Unit 6 U/(not given yet) St(5/33/35) b. B = -0, S + . = -1 to - 2, (98%), S = -3 to - 5 (80%), S = -6 to - 8 (70%) U = -9 to - 12 (50%)
 - Grade 3 Spelling (J.Y.) 58/42, 50/75, 67/75, 17/50, 6/92, 60/60, 60/100, 32/50, 70/70, 50/50, 60/80, 80/80, 30/100, 40/100, 100/100, 80/100, 100/100 C. Science 15/45
 - Grade 3 Spelling (J.A.) from November 1984 to January 2, 1985 J.A. scored O's. From January 2 - May 1985 scores are: 40/0, 0/10, 20/60, 20/30, 40/80, 50/90, 20/100 Science 20/16, 10/15, 10/90
 - Grade 4 (P.H.) Science March-May 1985 (Intervention was earlier introduction to unit than regular students) Score of 5 when pre-tested with regular education students. Scored higher than I regular education student.
 - Grade 4 (K.A.) Science same intervention as above. Score of 6 Scored higher than 4 regular education students.
- 3. Comments regarding methods of communication with C-10
 - a. Assignment folders (Due dates)
 - J.K. seems to do better with homework folders- assignments 1. have been completed.
 - 2. Good for students' use.
 - Great idea!
 - Has helped in getting work organized/done. Though still needs to work on completion dates.
 - Adequate means.
 - b. Teacher appointments
 - 1. Were called for as necessary or concerns discussed informally.
 - Difficult to schedule at times.
 - 3. Satisfactory.
 - None

Also notes, memos, and personal contact.

Has student made improvements in other non-academic areas? (eg. selfesteem, study skills, peer relations, etc.) If so please describe.

Yes- participates readily in classroom activities. Good work

habits (tries to complete assignments)

Definitely, he does pretty good with time on task. However, ъ. he becomes confused when directions are given in large group. He has often need of individual help.

J.K. has been seeking more attention from the teachers by giving us letters she has written or talking to teachers after

school.

Occasionally able to take part in class science discussions causing surprise reaction from classmates. d.

Both have shown improvement.

Yes. J.Y. seems more confident about taking tests and speaking before class. She's even smiling more and playing with different peers now.

J.A. was always open and friendly. She, too, seems to have g.

gained more confidence in front of peers.

- Works hard and tries. Asks for help- seems to be doing more h. in other areas.
- Yes. Self-esteem. B.K. was always so pleased with himself when he did well on weekly quizes.
- Would you like to see continued intervention next year if possible? If so what recommendations do you have for improvement in our present intervention procedure?

Continue as with this year.

- Yes. Helps to have intervention to follow up completion of b. assignments as never finishes in class period.
- I would like S.K. to concentrate on the basics (reading, math, C. writing).
- Less classroom teacher involvement- more student responsibility for class assignments (upper grades).

Yes. if text is followed for the basic skills.

- Yes! Would appreciate a brief outline of concepts being covered with child.
- Yes (3 times) g.
- If we are able to intervene with only some of our students what do you feel our priority should be? (eg. those farthest behind grade level? 6+h, 5th, 4th ...?)
 - a. Those farthest behind grade level (1 teacher) b. 6th, 5th, 4th, ... (2 teachers)

- Those that need intervention the most no matter what grade level. C.
- I feel the child should be helped as early as possible. Why d. wait until there is so much more to catch up with?

7. What subject areas of intervention do you forsee us assisting you with in the future?

a. Same subjects. You've been a great help!

b. Written language skills.

c. P.E., Science, Math d. Life survival skills.

e. Social Studies

f. Possibly in Social Studies or Science.

8. Will you be willing to allow us to observe our students functioning in your classroom in September?

a. Yes (6 teachers)

b. Perhaps the latter part of September.

9. Any additional comments or questions?

a. I was very pleased with the help B.K. received. Your intervention allowed him to function near level of others and thereby prevented any kind of noticeable stigma or emotional isolation toward B.K.

b. Nope!

c. Une problem in coordinating Special Education and regular students class work because of field trips etc. - the class focus may become concentrated in work other than that provided for the Special Education class. Regular class may lag behind the Special Education students.

. Communication between regular classroom teacher and Special Education teachers was better. I knew what was happening with

my girls in C-10.



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I.THOLIHO SCHOOL PECIAL EDUCATION INDIVIDUAL EDUCATIONAL ROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT

Appendix B-2
Student

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please review the progress that your child has made to date. Review your child's Individual Educational Program Progress Report for the Special Education Resource Room. After going over this report please sign and date the cover sheet. Then return this sheet with the entire report directly to the Resource Room. The report will be kept on file and made available for your viewing each quarter.

Your child's Individual Educational Troman is good for a year. At the end of the year I will schedule an annual review Individual Educational Program conference with you.

	Sincerely,
, Principal	Special Education Teacher
	Parent's or Guardian's signature will acknowledge receipt of the Progress Report.
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SPECIAL EDUCATION INDIVIDUAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM GUIDE

IMPORTANT:

The following will be a guide to help you better understand the progress which your child is making in the GOALS and SHORT-TERM OBJECTIVES of his/her INDIVIDUAL BDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION (IEP).

CODE TO FOLLOW:

 \checkmark = The skills that are checked (\checkmark) are the skills we plan to work on during the year.

R = The skills with (R) in front will be reviewed during the year.

C = The skills with (C) in front will continue to develop during the year.

DATE = The date in the NO PROGRESS or PROGRESS column indicates that progress has been made on that skill to that date.

Date = The date in the MASTERED column indicates that your child has shown he/she has mastered that skill by meeting the criteria at this level and at this time.

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Name

· STUDENT'S EVALUATION OF HIS/HER PROGRESS

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LUNALILO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT PROGRESS REPORT

STUDENT SCHOOL YEAR TEACHER Mrs. L. Kinoshita READING : COLDENTS Reader I . /el Mord Attack Skills Sight Word Recognition Oral Reading LANGUAGE Expresses nelf effectively Understands spoken language Speech - Good articulation and grammar WRITING Expresses ideas clearly Writes legibly and neatly Uses correct letter formation SPELLING Speller level Progress in Spelling Application to daily work MATHEMATICS Math Level Knows Basic Number Facts Understands Masic Overations (+, -, x, +) Able to solve Word Problems PERCEPTUAL Auditory Perceptual Visual Perceptual Fine Motor Coordination LISTENING Understands Oral Directions Follows 1, 2, 3, 4 step directions PERSONAL - SOCIAL Positive self-concept Follows classroom rules Fays attention follows directions appropriately larticipate in group activities Takes care of personal/school materials Tolerates failure appropriately & persists on task WORK HABITS Stc: ves for neatness and accuracy Makes appropriate use of time in class Able to work independently Completes daily work assignments Completes and turns in Homework when given Makes necessary corrections in all work



SPECIAL EDUCATION
STUDENT PROGRESS REPORT

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INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM CHECK LIST

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