



Professional Development: *Strategies2ReachEach*

Toby J. Karten, with TAMKA Education, has launched embedded online professional development (PD), *Strategies2ReachEach*, to assist teachers of students who require additional supports to learn.

Virtual formats and platforms are custom designed for PK through Grade 12 general and special education teachers, co-teachers, multidisciplinary teams, whole staff, and families through a combination of faculty and small group webinars, coaching sessions, video chats, and teleconferencing. As with Toby's face-to-face PD, the online PD connects to teacher and student realities with resources and practical strategies.

Some PD Do's, Don'ts, & Do Betters for Virtual Settings		
Do's	Don'ts	Do Betters
Define your virtual instruction. 	Delete listening to and monitoring students to individualize the virtual lessons. 	Balance academics with proactive and responsive social, emotional, and behavioral check-ins, activities, and guidance. 
Target outcomes that match a continuum of learner needs; e.g., family dynamics, literacy and math, physical stamina, attention spans, language, communication, visual-auditory skills 	Think remote learning distances yourself from students, their families, and other staff. 	If you work with a co-teacher, collaboratively lead-assist, team teach, and offer the stations, alternate, and parallel lessons through virtual platforms. 
Plan, instruct, conference, assess, and communicate what's working and what needs tweaking with ongoing communications. 	Limit inquiry or create "virtual dependence." 	Know that tech platforms are only the vehicles! 
 Merit a team approach with each other, students, related service providers, administration, and families.	 Don't ignore home realities. Instead, offer instruction in languages and formats that students and families understand; e.g., same text, but less complexity, more visuals, and translations.	 Think beyond PDFs and worksheets to infuse art, music, books, games, and additional platforms and tools; e.g., virtual concerts, fieldtrips, cooking, sports, spirit days. 

Set up your *Strategies2ReachEach* PD with Toby to expand on these do's, don'ts and do betters! Connect the best practices with specific PD titles to coach and support staff and students.

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