 Bright Ideas for Tackling Challenges

Sandhills Region – Laurinburg, NC

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| Challenge #1:  **Little or No Support** | Bright Ideas:   * Inform/educate everyone (parents, administrators, teachers, students) on what Xtreme is – explain the strategies used. * Invite administrators/teachers to come in your classroom. * Provide a link/video on school website for parents to educate themselves about Xtreme. * Share data sheets on student progress. |
| Challenge #2:  **Student Placements** | Bright Ideas:   * Use multiple sources of data * Find universal screening for previous class other than the EOG (iReady, benchmark, NC Check-ins, etc.) GRADE? Teacher input. * Explain Xtreme Reading to teachers in previous grades. * Create an end-of-year student data sheet (virtual) for next year’s placement to ensure timely placement for implementation at the beginning of the year. |
| Challenge #3:  **Time/Scheduling** | Bright Ideas:   * Use course and unit organizers for pacing. * Schedule courses and planning in morning if possible * Get administrative support * Implement during remediation time (WIN or AC) * Utilize planning time and PLC time to plan/prepare. * Flexibility |
| Challenge #4  **Materials** | Bright Ideas:   * Cohort planning/sharing * Flexibility * Administrative support * Allot money * Transfer all cue cards and components to online to save time. * Make plans for Advanced Xtreme 2, 3 - change materials/resources and layer on writing. |
| Challenge #5  **Student Attitudes and Motivation** | Bright Ideas:   * Motivate through pep talks, videos, mentor support. * Administrative and parent support * PBIS plan/support (positive reinforcement, rewards) * Create connections * Use high interest reading selections * Incentives (candy) work towards a reward. * Team building, activities * Celebrations / awards every 6 weeks. |