# Ideal Instruction Coach's Corner

# **Responding in Real-Time**

#### THE CHALLENGE



When kids turn in their work I realize they didn't understand, but now I have to reteach the whole thing the next day!

You're checking for understanding—but not always catching what matters *in the moment.* You don't know who's on track, who's stuck, or whether to push forward or pause. And when the data finally comes in—it's after the lesson is over.

## What's Really Going On?

Monitoring is happening—but it's not always **intentional**, **data-driven**, **or decisive**. Teachers often collect information without a clear plan to analyze it or act on it in the moment.

The result? Missed opportunities to address misconceptions, deepen thinking, or adjust instruction *before* it's too late.

## TRY THIS INSTEAD



# Monitor and Respond in Real-Time

- 1. Track student mastery in the moment
  - Be intentional know exactly how many and which students are on track as they work
    - Use a simple tracker (clipboard, sticky notes, whiteboard) to collect live data.
    - Record who's stuck and on what (e.g., "6 out of 10 stuck on Q2 = 60%").
    - Identify the common error or misconception—*not just who's wrong, but why.*

#### 2. Tailor your response based on what the data says

#### • Adjust instruction in the moment based on student need.

**If most students get it** (75%+): Stamp the correct thinking, then ask 2–3 students who struggled to revoice or explain.

If it's mixed (50–75%): Lead a quick discourse or debate around the thinking. Let students unpack and refine their understanding together.

If less than half get it (<50%): Pause and model. Name the error, reteach the concept, and give a quick chance to retry.</p>

#### Now, Make It Stick

• Monitoring only matters if it leads to action. *The best instruction isn't perfectly planned—it's perfectly responsive.*