





# Maryland State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG): Coaching

#### **Division of Special Education**

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#### **Presentation Outline**

- 1. An Introduction to Maryland Accelerates!
- 2. Planning with the *End in Mind*.
- 3. The Purpose, and Impact of SPDG Coaching
- 4. The SPDG Coaching Process



### Maryland Accelerates!

## Accelerating Achievement for ALL Learners



## Planning with the End in Mind

- Identify your goal
- Create a clear path for success
- Establish milestones and set metrics for success
- Provide ongoing professional learning and coaching



#### **Intended Outcomes**

- Explore a structured coaching process as a component of Maryland's State Personnel Development Grant
- Build capacity related to the stages of the coaching cycle and the coaching process
- Discuss the implications of coaching and its impact on student achievement

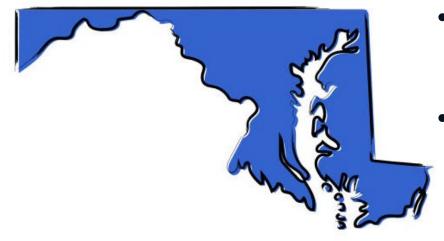


Share your experiences with impactful coaching.





## Maryland's Operational Framework



- Professional Learning grounded in research
- Builds on the strengths and talents of educators
- Facilitates access to rigorous evidencebased math, social-emotional, and specially designed instruction
- Contributes to increased math achievement and equitable outcomes for all students.



#### **Affective Change**

Increasing math achievement and equitable outcomes for all students

**72.41**%

Students with disabilities demonstrating growth in mathematics on **MCAP** (Spring assessment) and **MAP** (Winter benchmark assessment)

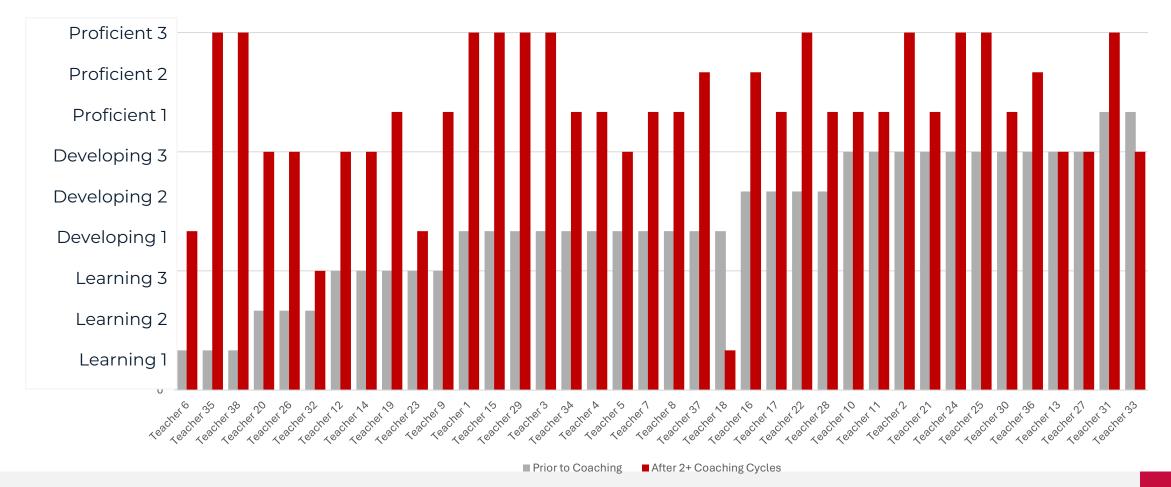
78.64%

All students demonstrating math skill development on **formative classroom measures** 



#### Impact: 2024 – 2025 Coaching Results

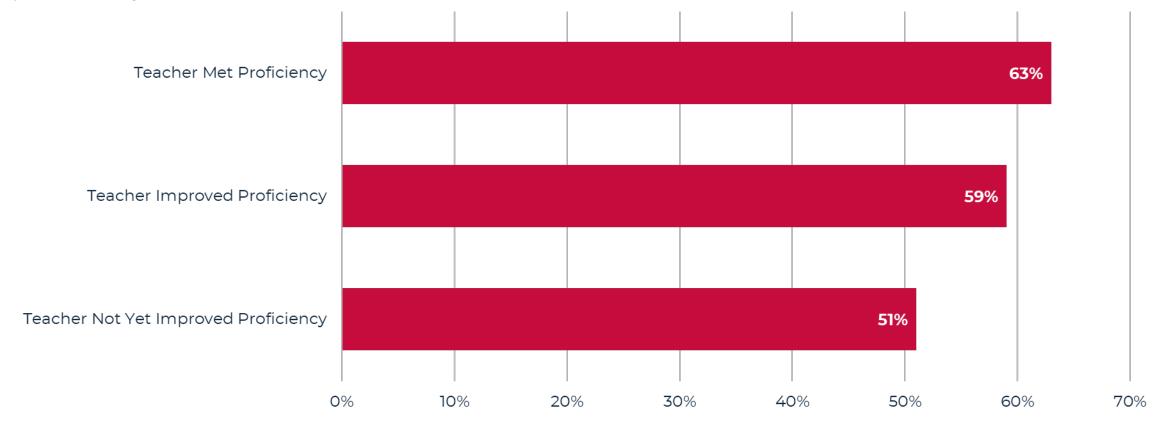
89% of educators completing at least two coaching cycles demonstrated growth





#### Analysis of Student Outcomes, 2025

Percentage of students reaching the fall 2024 to winter 2025 math growth target by teacher proficiency status

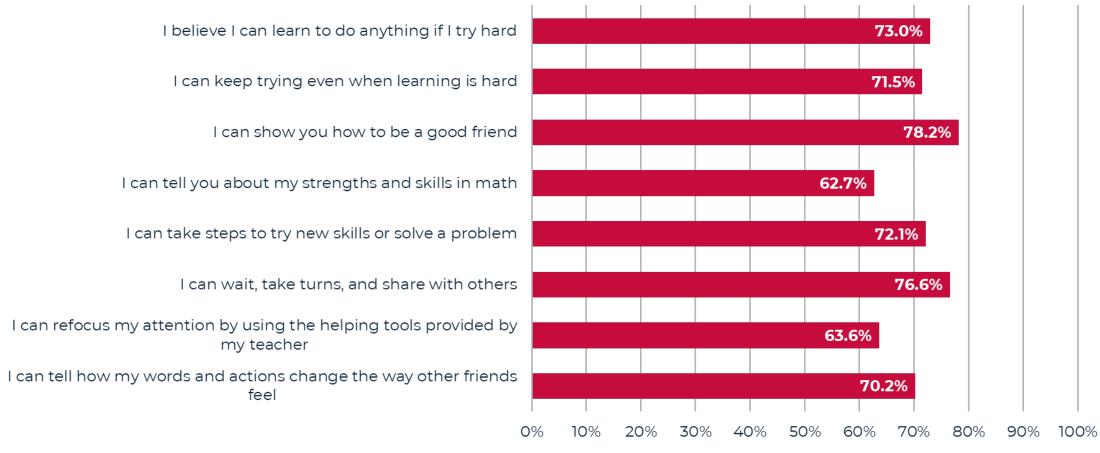


Data Analysis SPDG FY 2025, Amy Gaumer Erickson



#### Social Emotional Learning - Student Reflection

Average percentage of students responding "like me" to the following statements (grades K-5):



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## **The Coaching Process**





## **Building and Defining Relationships**













**Trust** 

Lenses

Listen Question Stance



## Partnerships for Success - Coach

	Expectations	Outcomes
Coach	<ul> <li>Implements coaching framework and process with fidelity</li> <li>Provides feedback aligned to criteria of the evidence-based practices</li> <li>Consistently documents coaching cycles</li> <li>Strategically differentiates teacher support</li> <li>Maintains confidentiality</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Meets individual teacher needs</li> <li>Builds capacity and autonomy of teachers</li> <li>Grows coaching practices</li> <li>Feels success, confidence, and competence</li> </ul>



## Partnerships for Success – Teacher

	Expectations	Outcomes
Teacher	<ul> <li>Strategically plans standards driven lessons utilizing evidence-based practices</li> <li>Consistently commits to coaching sessions</li> <li>Reflects and adjusts teaching practices</li> <li>Advocates for needs and exercise agency</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Increases the use and fidelity of evidence-based practices</li> <li>Meets individual learner needs</li> <li>Reflects and builds autonomy</li> <li>Feels success, confidence, and competence</li> </ul>



## Partnerships for Success - Principal

	Expectations	Outcomes
Principal	<ul> <li>Preserves confidentiality between coaches and teachers</li> <li>Cultivates a safe teaching and learning environment for teachers to take risks</li> <li>Ensures coaches and educators have a location for private coaching sessions and time for coaching (i.e., compensation, coverage)</li> <li>Prioritizes the outcomes of SPDG through the School Improvement Plan and engage in school-based and stakeholder meetings</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Meets the coach and educator's needs</li> <li>Reflects and highlights the impact of EBPs on student outcomes</li> <li>Scales up implementation of EBPs school-wide</li> <li>Celebrates improved school-wide math performance</li> </ul>



## **Mutual Agreements**



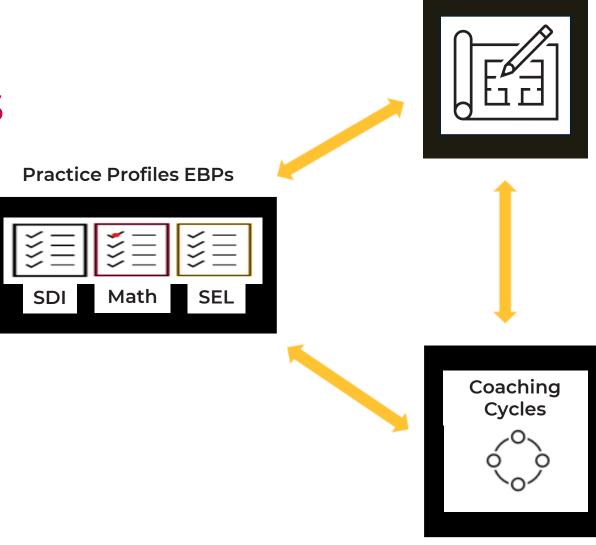


How can an early emphasis on interpersonal skills address barriers in the coaching progression?



Work Plan

# Three Components of the Coaching Process





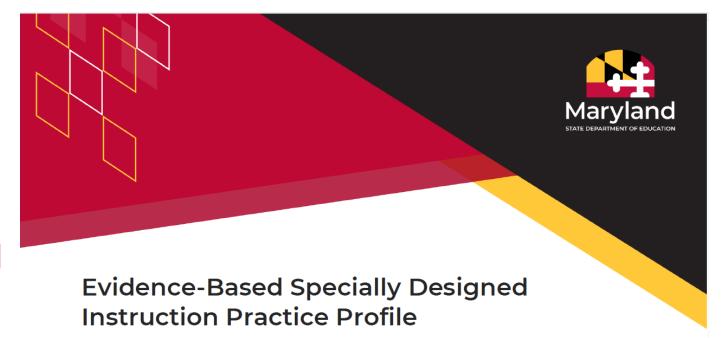
## Goals of the Coaching Process



- **Collaboratively plan** the implementation of evidencebased practices
- **Provide feedback** on the implementation of the evidence-based practices
- **Engage in learning activities** to build capacity for implementation of EBPs
- Increase teacher autonomy



#### Maryland's Practice Profile: Specially Designed Instruction



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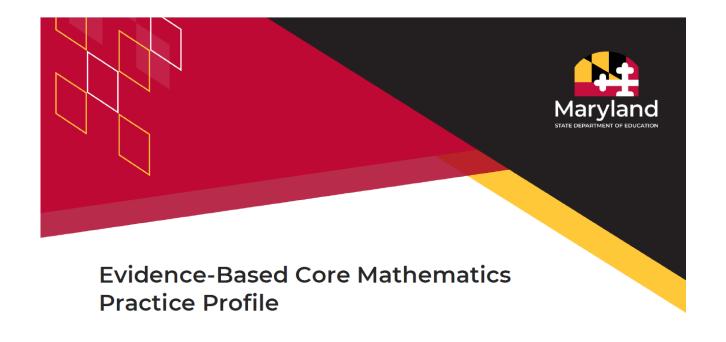
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## Maryland's Practice Profile: Core Mathematics



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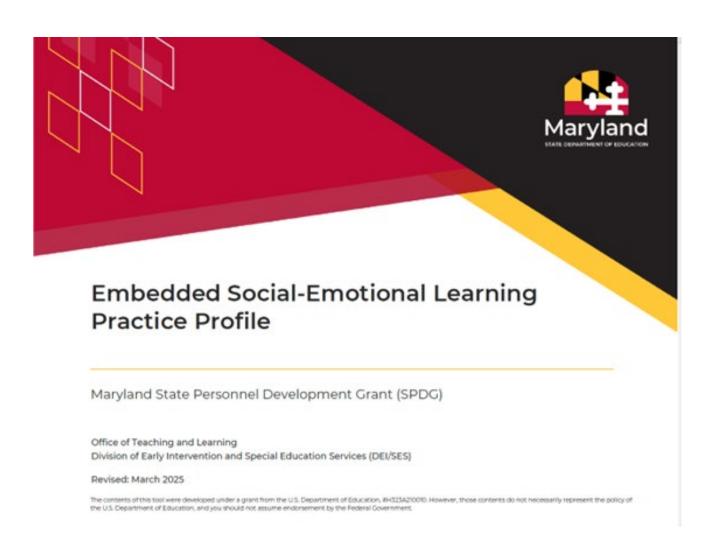
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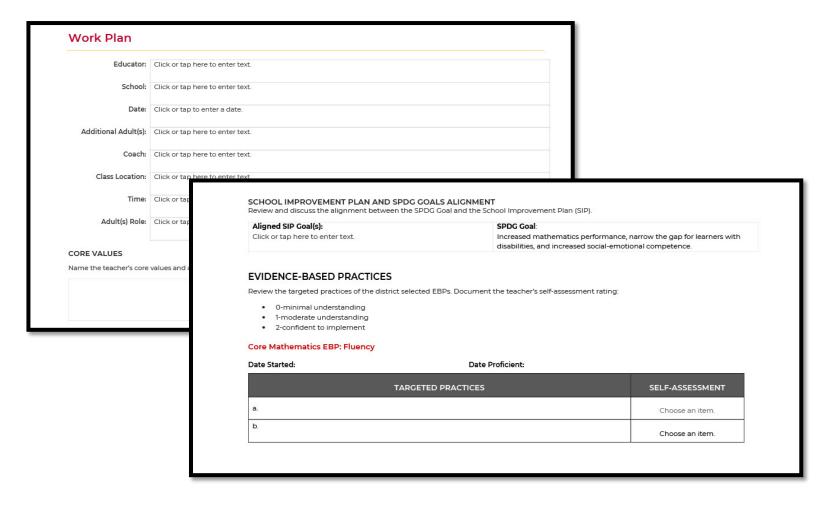
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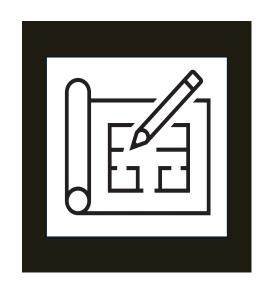


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#### The Work Plan

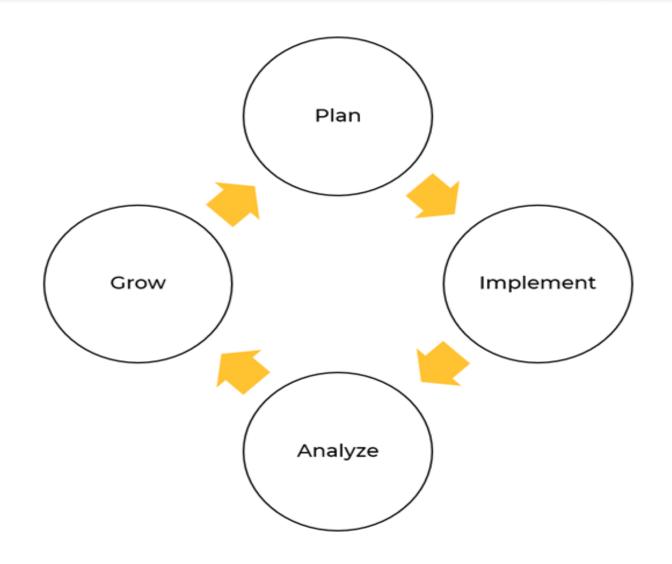




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## Stages of the Coaching Cycle

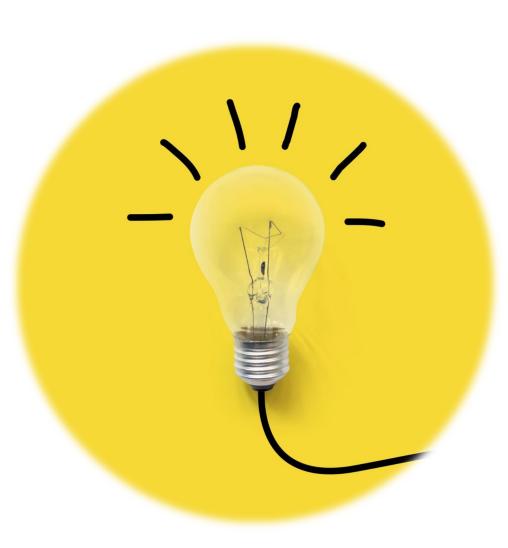


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#### Plan

- Build foundational knowledge and understanding prior to implementation
- Unpack evidence-based practices, exploring resources, and co-planning of implementation
- Logistics: schedule of observations, coaching conversations, and check-ins



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## Implement - Observe/Scribe/Record

- Capture the implementation of evidence-based practices to provide feedback within the coaching cycle
- Use Swivl robots and iPads to video record instruction
- Tag key instructional elements of implementation using <u>Debriefscape</u>



### Analyze



- Align evidence to proficiency criteria
- Summarize strengths and opportunities for growth
- Assess proficiency of EBP in order to plan next steps for instruction
- Distinguish elements of effectiveness and reflect on the impact of teacher practice

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#### Grow

- System of ongoing professional development
- Community of practice
- Context, power, and identity
- Impact and potential for change





What excites you about this coaching process and its impact on student outcomes?





#### **Teacher Reflections**

"This was a **very supportive process** that really helped me become **a better math teacher** without adding to my plate. **My coach was always willing to help** in any way she could without causing more stress or work for me." – General Education Teacher



"The coaching process was helpful, and I appreciated the support throughout. I also want to acknowledge how effective my general education teacher was—she consistently used data to guide instruction, which really helped our students make progress. It was great to have a strong collaboration between coaching support and classroom instruction." – Special Education Teacher



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