Core Reading Program: Explicit Instructional Design and Delivery Principles

Big Ideas	s there thorough coverage of essential instructional content?			
	Phonology?			
	Sound-symbol association (sounds, blending, word reading)? Syllables?			
	☐ Syllables? ☐ Morphology?			
	Reading connected text with accuracy and fluency?			
	Syntax?			
	☐ Semantics:			
	□ Vocabulary?			
	☐ Academic language instruction?			
	☐ Listening comprehension?			
	☐ Reading comprehension?			
	Are verbal explanations, directions, and demonstrations present?			
Conspicuous	 Is clear and explicit language utilized to guide students through each lesson? Are there a series of sequential instructional steps progressing from simple to 			
Strategies	more complex purposefully employed to acquire and use new knowledge?			
berategies	☐ Are guided and independent practice opportunities present?			
	☐ Is consistent, supportive, and corrective feedback provided?			
	☐ Is the rate of introduction for key concepts and skills systematic and			
	appropriate?			
	Is there a logical sequence of instructional examples to promote success and			
	reduce confusion?			
Mediated	Are complex concepts and skills broken down into smaller, more manageable chunks?			
Scaffolding	☐ Are there opportunities for teachers to explicitly teach key concepts and skills			
8	and interact with students before independent work?			
	☐ Are prompts, hints, or clues provided to students as they engage in new and			
	complex content.			
	☐ Is the complexity of students' independent work comparable to the complexity			
	of the instructional examples used?			
	Is a teaching sequence for each big idea introduced, scaffolded, practiced, and assessed before the introduction of the next new big idea?			
Strategic	Are big ideas integrated (not left as discrete concepts or skills)?			
Integration	☐ Is there a cohesive connection among strategies to achieve desired outcomes?			
meegracion	☐ Are prerequisite skills connected with higher order content?			
	Are there opportunities for discrimination practice?			
Prime	☐ Are students engaged in their prior knowledge?			
Background	☐ Are essential pre-skills identified that are most proximal to the new learning			
Knowledge	objective?			
	Are procedures in place to engage students in the lesson during teacher-led			
Student	instruction?			
Practice and	Are multiple opportunities for students to practice tasks frequent and structured?			
Review	☐ Are student verbalization procedures present?			
	☐ Are clear correction procedures in place?			
	☐ Is there sufficient, distributed, cumulative and varied student practice?			