Enhancing Leadership: The Science of Reading and Effective Learning Walk Protocols

This self-paced course provides support to principals and other literacy leaders in the effective use of the K-3 Learning Walk Protocol. Each content module contains five components, including background information, observation activities, a graded assessment, and a reflection opportunity.

Module	Description	Completion Time
Getting Started	Provides an introduction and course overview, including a review of the format and navigation tips; it also provides guidance for preparing/conducting a Learning Walk.	.5 hours
Application of Structured Literacy Concepts	Provides a definition of structured literacy concepts, with examples, and includes information about additional Science of Reading models.	2.0 hours
Instructional Strategies	Explores and defines instructional strategies, including highlights of key differences between structured literacy and balanced literacy, as well as examples of effective instructional strategies.	2.0 hours
Classroom Atmosphere	Provides guidance for establishing positive learning environments and includes multiple examples from MS classrooms.	2.0 hours
Preparation of HQIM	Focuses on the importance of Tier 1 instruction and explores the shift from planning to preparation to maximize the effective use of high-quality instructional materials.	2.0 hours
Writing Instruction	Explores connections between reading and writing within the context of the structured literacy model and highlights the use of HQIM routines to support explicit writing instruction.	2.0 hours
Tier 1 Flexible Teacher-Led Small Groups and Stations	Provides guidance for implementing effective Tier 1 small-group instruction and stations aligned to HQIM routines, including examples and recommendations for getting started.	2.0 hours
Putting it All Together	Focuses on the collective debriefing process that follows the Learning Walk, including protocols for Learning Walk team discussions and timelines for feedback.	.5 hours
List of Contributors/Certificate of Completion	Automated certificate template accessible once all graded assessments have received a passing grade.	NA