Student-Centered Coaching: Lessons Learned

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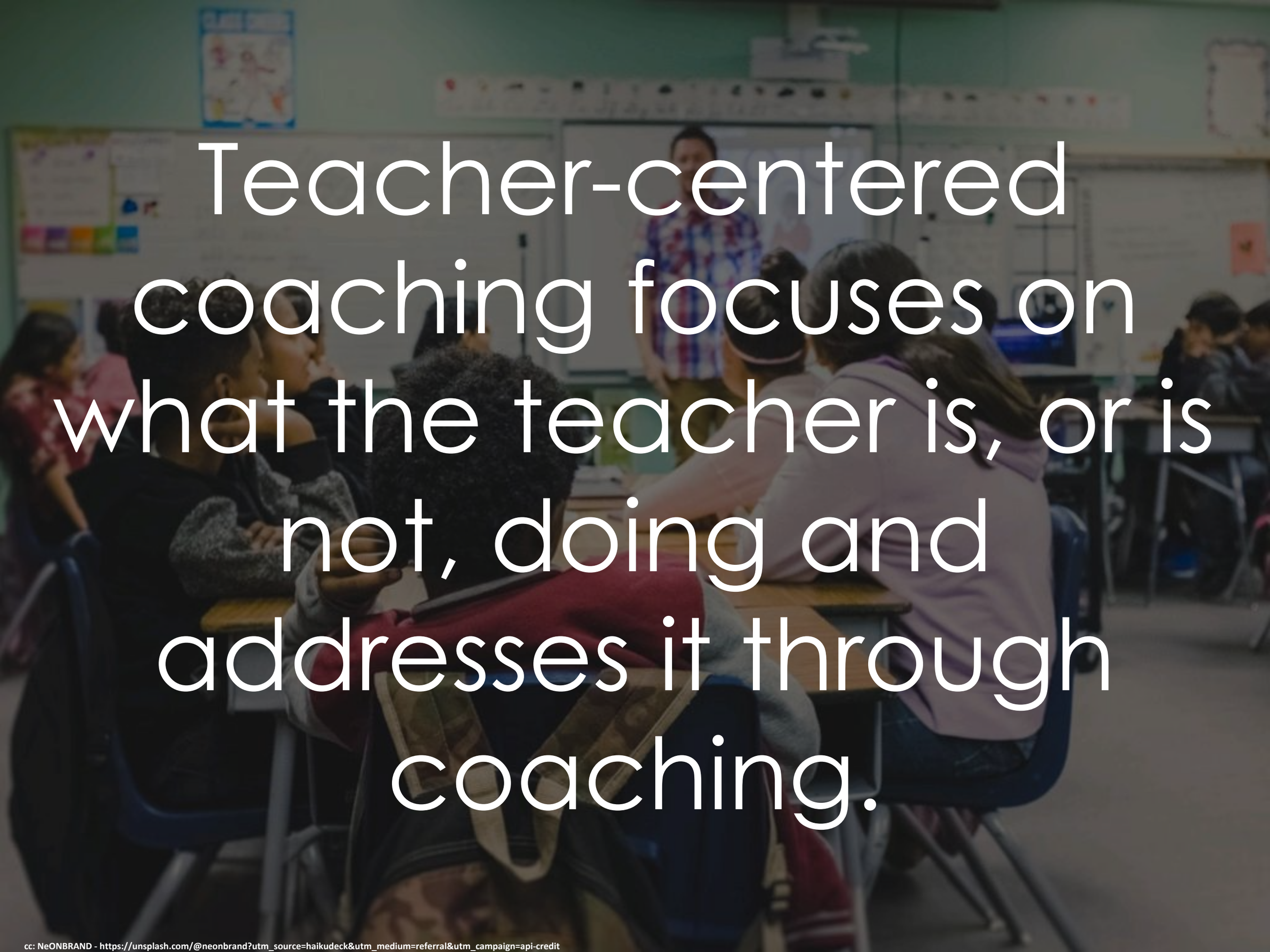
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Resources + Literacy Coaches

Common Coaching Practices During this Era

- Sharing resources
- Modeling lessons
- Managing materials
- 'Fixing' teachers

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Teacher-centered coaching focuses on what the teacher is, or is not, doing and addresses it through coaching.

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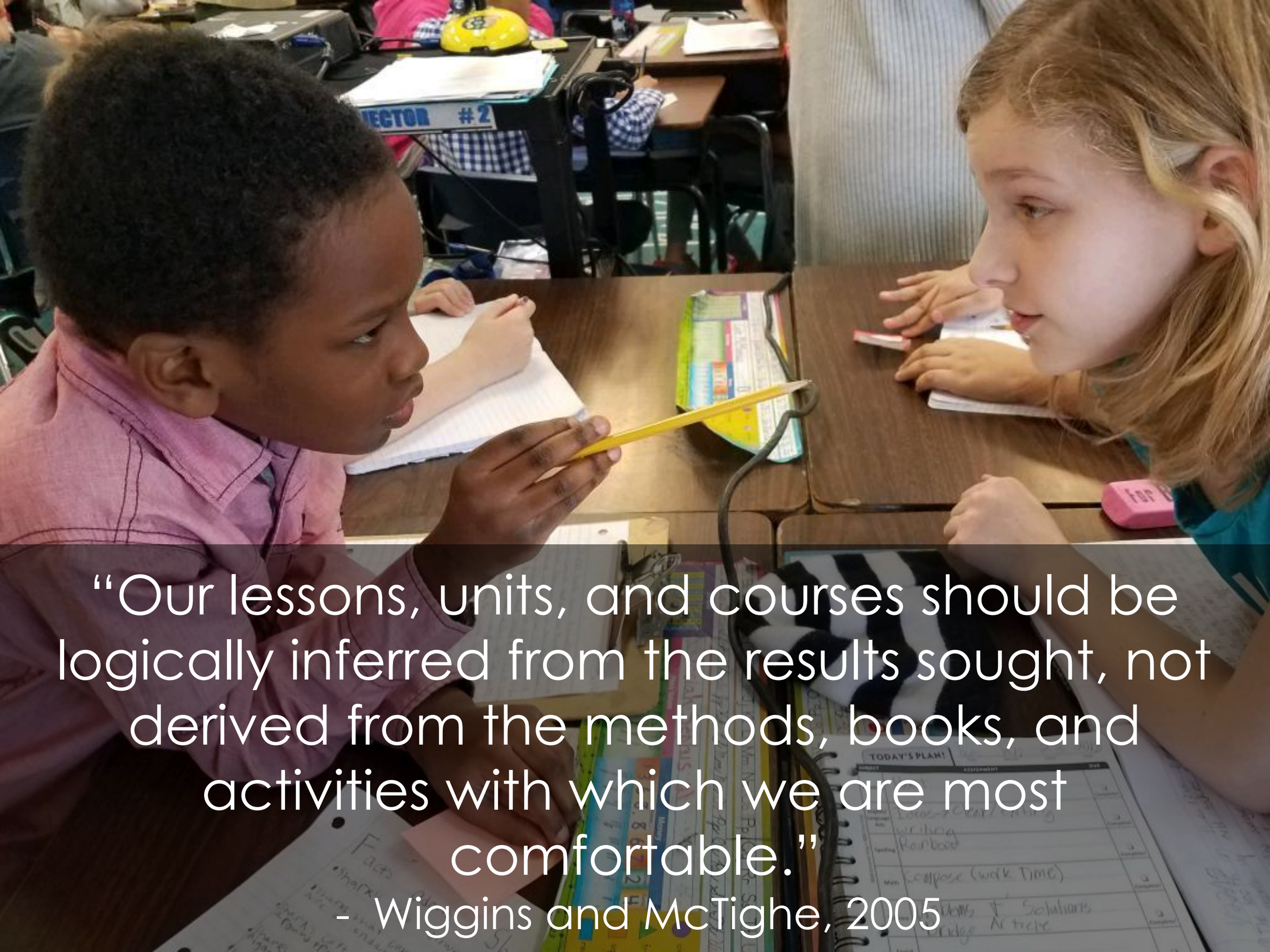
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What we learned...

- It's not a good idea to 'fix' people.
- We have to build on strengths, not deficits.
- It's not just about the materials.
- It's about student learning.

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"Our lessons, units, and courses should be logically inferred from the results sought, not derived from the methods, books, and activities with which we are most comfortable."

- Wiggins and McTighe, 2005

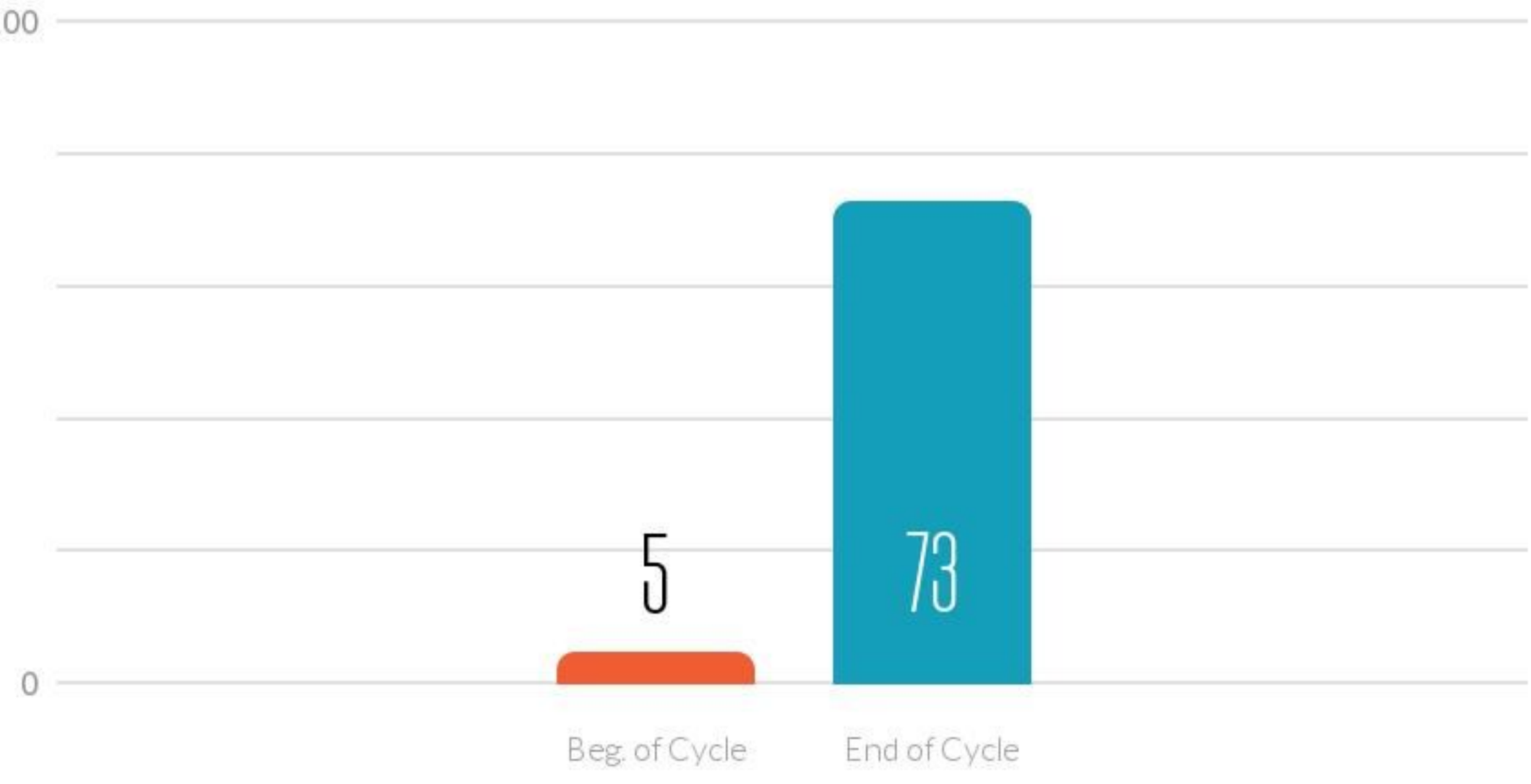
SCC focuses on using student evidence to analyze progress and collaborate to make informed decisions about instruction that is differentiated and needs-based.

Student-Centered Coaching applies to:

- K-12 schools
- All subjects
- Special education
- English language learners
- Technology coaching

Our Impact

Student Proficiency from Coaching Cycles



Examples of Goals for Coaching Cycles

- Students will solve multi-digit multiplication utilizing area models and arrays to build understanding. (ES)
- Students will consider complex character traits and plot moves when analyzing characters in works of fiction. (MS)
- Students will create a project-based learning presentation to answer the following questions: What's with the conflict in the Middle East? How can we peacefully resolve the conflicts? (HS)

87% of Teachers Reported Some or Strong Growth In...



How Student-Centered Coaching Keeps the Focus on Learning

Role: The coach partners with teachers to design learning that is based on a goal for students.

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Use of Data: Formative assessment data and student work are used to determine how to design instruction.

Materials: Textbooks, technology, and curricular programs are viewed as tools for learning. Not as the goal for coaching.

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Perception: The coach is viewed as a partner who is there to support teachers to move students towards mastery of the standards.

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Role of Relationships: Trusting, respectful, and collegial relationships are the foundation for student-centered coaching.

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Let's take a closer look at Student-Centered Coaching

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Core Practices for Student-Centered Coaching

- Utilize coaching cycles
- Set a standards-based goal
- Unpack the goal into learning targets
- Co-plan using student evidence

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Core Practices for Student-Centered Coaching, continued

- Co-teach with a focus on effective instructional practice
- Measure impact based on teacher & student learning
- Partner with the school leader

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What if your coaching resources are limited?

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Shifting the Focus to SCC

- Define why coaching matters
- Communicate how coaching aligns with other initiatives
- Share the coach's role
- Set expectations for participation
- Provide choice & ownership to teachers

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