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Essentialization of Standards and Curriculum

What Is It?

Essentialization is a process of curriculum prioritization that reduces the depth, breadth, and complexity of grade-level content to support the meaningful access of students with significant cognitive disabilities in general education. empowerED will conduct an initial consultation to determine needs and will develop essentialized pacing guides to serve as a roadmap for students with complex challenges.

This package includes:

- Meeting with teachers to discuss specific student needs and modifications
- Check-in meetings throughout the development of the pacing guide
- Review of current general education curricula, standards, and materials
- Creation of an essentialized guide to direct student programming. The guide includes:
 - Description of current resources and lesson components
 - Side-by-side of general education standards and essentialized standards
 - Pacing guide with estimated targets
 - Direct correlation with resources currently utilized in general education

The essentialized guide is developed for specific grades and subjects.



Why Essentialization?

Essentialization provides a clear understanding of learning targets for students with complex needs. It assists teams in developing thoughtful programming that provides meaningful access to the curriculum for students with purposeful goals rather than “on the fly” modifications.