



# IRIS Tools: Powerful Resources Under One Online Roof

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Since 2001, the IRIS Center has been one of the nation's most trusted developers of resources covering the issues educators care about. The IRIS Center creates and disseminates resources about evidence-based instructional and intervention practices to help improve the learning and behavioral outcomes for all students, particularly struggling learners and those with disabilities. Below is just a small glimpse of all that IRIS has to offer.

## IRIS STAR Legacy Modules

Our signature product, these multi-media resources combine text, expert interviews, interactive activities, and video clips to cover crucial instructional topics that include classroom behavior management, Universal Design for Learning, autism spectrum disorder, and cultural and linguistic diversity.



## Case Study Units



Used as companions to IRIS Modules or as stand-alone exercises, IRIS Case Study Units allow learners to explore common classroom challenges and issues through problem-based scenarios—such as setting norms and expectations, delivering effective algebra instruction, or arranging the room to maximize learning and minimize problem behaviors—with multiple levels of complexity and detail.

## Activities



These brief, handy resources cover a diverse range of topics—behavior, language disorders, appropriate terminology (e.g. people-first language)—and are perfect as independent assignments or as a tool to promote classroom discussion.

## Evidence-Based Practice Summaries



More than ever, it's crucial that educators have a reliable source of information about evidence-based practices. This online tool offers just that: Short summaries of EBPs with links to more detailed research information for those who wish to learn more.

## Wrap-Around Concept Maps



These diagrams can help users extend and deepen the information included in our modules and case study units by linking to supporting materials available on the IRIS Website.

## Additional Resources

Visitors to the IRIS site will also discover our:

- **Film and Book Tools**—catalogue representations of people with disabilities in popular media.
- **Sample PD Activity Collection**—serves as a resource for PD providers creating training events both for practicing educators and beginning teachers engaged in induction experiences.
- **Online Glossary**—compiles the definitions of many disability-related terms.
- **PD Planning Forms**—help PD providers develop and revise activities used to upgrade the skills of practicing education professionals.
- **Web-Resource Directory**—lists other federally sponsored projects and centers that provide resources and information useful for educational professionals.

## Flexible Use

IRIS Resources are used in a variety of ways:



I wished my job required this during New Teacher Orientation!

*New Teacher*

This module covers a lot of scenarios that have or could occur in any classroom. The solutions seem logical and relevant and easy to implement.

*Experienced Teacher*

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