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If you have questions or need additional information, you can reach us at 877.485.1973 or [info@nifdi.org](mailto:info@nifdi.org).

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## Free Online Tutorial on Implementing DI Now Available!

The National Institute for Direct Instruction (NIFDI) has developed a two-part, self-paced online tutorial describing the fundamental tenets of a Direct Instruction implementation. The goal of the tutorial is to provide school and district leaders a solid understanding of what's involved in implementing Direct Instruction successfully. The tutorial can also be a helpful tool in explaining DI to external constituents, such as school board members, community members, district officials and more.

Part One of the tutorial covers what to do before school starts in preparation for an implementation of DI, while Part Two covers what to do to maximize student performance with DI once school starts. Each part is composed of nine smaller segments, about five minutes in length, followed by a "Check Your Understanding" component that presents questions on key points made in the video. Users should allocate approximately three hours time to review both parts of the tutorial and complete the "Check Your Understanding" components. You don't have to do the tutorial in one sitting. You can stop it at any time and log in again later at your convenience.

Feel free to share this resource with others who might benefit from its content. The tutorial is completely free and can be easily located on NIFDI's new webpage at [www.nifdi.org](http://www.nifdi.org).

Contact us at [info@nifdi.org](mailto:info@nifdi.org) if you have any questions. We hope this tutorial will provide you with background information that will help you ensure that all of your students will be successful with the DI approach!

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## "Zigipedia": Senior Author and Creator of DI - Siegfried "Zig" Engelmann on Wikipedia

As most of you know, Wikipedia is a free online encyclopedia of over 30 million community-submitted articles detailing everything from historical events to pop culture celebrities to scientific theories. Now, Direct Instruction's very own Siegfried "Zig" Engelmann has joined the world of Wikipedia as an article in the popular internet resource! The National Institute for Direct Instruction wrote and submitted Zig's entry that was recently accepted for publication into Wikipedia - or as we now call it, "Zigipedia"! Check out Zig's entry at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siegfried\\_Engelmann](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siegfried_Engelmann).

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## Funnix Gives Away Over \$300,000 in Programs!

In December, Funnix did it again - they gave away thousands of copies of their Beginning Reading and Beginning Math programs, totaling well over \$300,000 in free product to those who signed up and downloaded the programs before December 20th. The programs, recognized as one of the "Readers' Choice Top 100 Product for 2013" by District Administration Magazine, included all 220 reading and 100 math lessons free of charge. Now, nearly 85,000 people have signed up for Funnix giveaways!

Miss the free download giveaway and want to get your hands on your very own copies of Funnix Reading and Math? Funnix is available year-round for a nominal charge. Funnix Beginning Reading and Funnix 2 are \$38 each and Funnix Math is \$32. Visit Funnix online at [www.funnix.com](http://www.funnix.com) to learn more or purchase your own copy.



## Ed Week: Low Performing Florida School Raises Grade with Reading Mastery

In Education Week's January 22nd article, [Florida Pushes Longer Day, More Reading in Some Schools](#), Springfield Elementary School in Springfield, Florida struggled with student performance and was Bay County's only school on the state's list of 100 worst performing schools with a 'D' grade in 2012-13. The school, as part of the inclusion on the list, was required to add an additional hour to the school day and dedicate the time specifically to reading.

Districts were allowed a lot of freedom to determine how they wanted to handle the extra hour, as long as it was approved by the state department of education. Springfield Elementary allowed staff to determine the program students would be offered and opted to switch to **Reading Mastery Signature Edition for their core English Language Arts program**. In just one year, the 470-student school raised its grade from a 'D' to a 'C' using Direct Instruction and has not only kept the program, but added another DI program this year - Connecting Math Concepts!

## Improve Instruction and Student Performance: Register for February 24-25th Coaching I Academy



In November, 59 educators participated in our Coaching Academy I and learned how good, careful coaching aids in supporting the success of instructors, the success of a Direct Instruction implementation and, ultimately, student success. Now you can, too!

The National Institute for Direct Instruction is offering the **Coaching I Academy February 24th and 25th at the Talking Stick Resort in Scottsdale, AZ**. Presenter Tamara Bressi will show participants how to gain meaningful information from program data, improve written records, conduct supportive classroom observations, provide classroom demonstrations and more! Help to ensure that your implementation benefits from strong coaching by attending next month's Coaching I Academy!

**WHERE:** [Talking Stick Resort](#), 9800 E. Indian Bend Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85256

**WHEN:** Monday, February 24th and Tuesday, February 25th

**WHO:** Instructional Coaches, Peer Coaches, Lead Teachers, Mentor Teachers and anyone responsible for observing instruction and improving student performance

**COST:** \$329. If you register as a team of four or more, you receive one registration free!

For more information or to register, visit our website at [www.nifdi.org/training-events/coaching](http://www.nifdi.org/training-events/coaching) or call Bryan Wickman at 877.485.1973.

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