

## Introduction

The Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol or SIOP Model began from a research initiative to find agreement on a definition of sheltered instruction. A preliminary observation protocol was created and field tested. It was designed for use by researchers and school personnel who needed an objective measure for sustained, high-quality measures for English Language Learner (ELL) instruction. As the protocol continued through the refinement process, an intensive professional development program developed. Through this process of classroom observation coaching, discussion, and reflection, the instrument was refined and changed, and eventually it evolved into the Sheltered Observation Protocol (SIOP).

The Eight Components of the SIOP are:

- Lesson Preparation
- Building Background
- Comprehensible Input
- Strategies
- Interaction
- Lesson Delivery
- Practice/Application
- Review/Assessment

### SIOP Protocol Research

“provides a common language and conceptual framework from which to work and develop a community of practice” (Echavarria, J., Vogt, M., & Short, D., 2008, p. 204).

“teachers can modify their pedagogy to promote both language and content learning among English learners”(Echavarria, J., Vogt, M., & Short, D., 2008, p. 204).

“Results showed English learners in sheltered classes with teachers who had been trained in implementing the SIOP Model to a high degree improved their writing and outperformed the students in control classes by receiving overall higher scores for the spring assessment” (Echavarria, J., Vogt, M., & Short, D., 2008, p. 237).

Schools have provided training in content, cooperative learning, differentiated instruction, multiple intelligences, etc, but teachers struggle with how to utilize and incorporate the instructional strategies into their pedagogy. The SIOP is a systematic framework which allows teachers to meld a variety of techniques with content to address students' needs.

Eshevarria, J, Vogt, M.E., and Short, D. (2008). Making content comprehensible for English learners: The SIOP Model. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed. Boston, MA: Pearson/Allyn & Bacon.