

Increase Your Participants' Motivation with a Novel Approach to Teaching SFSP: High Autonomy Child Centered Instruction (Shannon Titus)

## High Autonomy Child Centered Instruction

### HACCI Definition & Principle

*HACCI* is an instructional approach to increase students' motivation in instructional tasks. High autonomy is given to the students in HACCI settings by creating "stations" with adaptation and extension tasks. These stations strive to create opportunities to encourage student participation.

### HACCI Instructional Strategies

- Provide an array of instructional tasks for all levels of children---- easy to complex.
- Integrate themes into the tasks to increase children' motivation----- dinosaur day, snow day, ocean day, or books.
- Provide lots of options for children to choose what tasks they do --- 3 or 4 small stations instead of 2 big stations for the instructional task.
- Select a variety of equipment to change the difficulty of the task.
- Emphasize the critical elements of the skill you are teaching so they understand performance demands.
- Evaluate their performance by giving the stickers or stamps if they meet the critical elements of the skill.

## Crowd Control

Be consistent – provide children with the opportunity to be successful but giving them explicit instructions and messages of what to do

Follow through – if you give a consequence you need to follow through with it. Give them specific instructions of what they are to do and example of what not to do with a consequence.

Provide transitions – again be consistent! Come up with a way to get their attention and use it every time you want to transition or give directions. I use "Freeze your bodies! You have 5 seconds to clean up your area. Ready go! (count down). Freeze. Let me tell you where you are going (tell them) point to where you are going without moving (once all are pointing) you may move!"

Make it interesting – when you are teaching really buy into it. If you think it's boring (or act like it is) it is definitely going to be for your children. Sell it!

Have fun – use silly ways to get their attention (i.e. "if you can hear me clap your hands...if you can hear me pull on your ear lobes" etc).