



## Responsive Teaching in Science

 Indicates a research-demonstrated benefit

### Overview

A practice of attending and responding to the substance of students' thinking. The instructor's next moves are based on students' emerging ideas.



**Type of Method**

Instructional strategy




**Level**

**Designed for:** Middle School, Elementary School

**Can be adapted for:** Any



**Setting**

**Designed for:** Lecture - Small (<30 students) 

**Can be adapted for:** Recitation/Discussion Session, Lab, Studio



**Coverage**

Few topics with great depth



**Topics**

Mechanics, Electricity / Magnetism, Waves / Optics, Thermal / Statistical, Modern / Quantum, Mathematical, Astronomy, Other Science, Pedagogy



**Instructor Effort**

High



**Resource Needs**

Simple lab equipment



**Skills**

**Designed for:**

**Can be adapted for:** Designing experiments, Metacognition



**Research Validation**

**Based on research into:** theories of how students learn  , teaching of science

**Demonstrated to improve:** beliefs and attitudes  , classroom discourse

**Studied using:** classroom observations  , analysis of written work 




**Compatible Methods**

[Peer Instruction](#), [PhET](#), [JiTT](#), [Ranking Tasks](#), [CGPS](#), [Physlets](#), [Context-Rich Problems](#), [Workshop Physics](#), [TIPERs](#), [SCALE-UP](#), [Modeling](#), [SDI Labs](#), [ISLE](#), [Thinking Problems](#), [LA Program](#), [MBL](#), [CPU](#), [SCL](#), [TEFA](#), [Energy Project](#), [SGSI](#), [Paradigms](#), [Clickers](#)



**Similar Methods**

[Energy Project](#), [SGSI](#)

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