Why Is Fidelity Important?

• Ensures that instruction has been implemented as intended
• Helps link student outcomes to instruction
• Helps in the determination of intervention effectiveness, and in instructional decision making
• Research suggests that positive student outcomes depend on:
  • The degree to which interventions are supported by evidence
  • Fidelity of implementation of process (at the school level)
  • Fidelity of intervention implementation (at the teacher/classroom level)

(Pierangelo & Giuliani, 2008)