

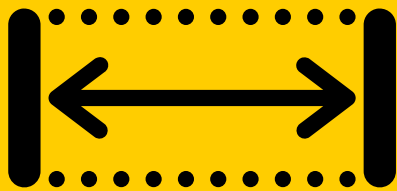
Scope and Sequence

A *scope and sequence* explains **what** content a curriculum is going to cover and **when** that content should be taught. A good scope and sequence is a vital component of evidence-based instructional materials, as it ensures that skills are taught explicitly to mastery and that instruction progresses systematically from less complex to more complex content. This infographic provides educators with a brief summary of what a scope and sequence is and what it should include. For more information on scope and sequence, see our blog post [“Scope and Sequence: What Is It, and How Do Educators Use It to Guide Instruction?”](#) by Meg Mechelke.

WHAT IS SCOPE & SEQUENCE?

SCOPE: WHAT YOU TEACH

The scope of a curriculum includes all of the content that the curriculum covers.



- Is anything missing?
- Is each skill taught to mastery?

KEY QUALITIES:

• BREADTH

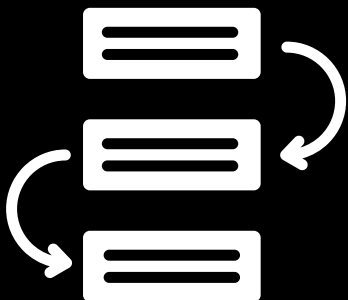
The range of topics covered by a curriculum

• DEPTH

The thoroughness with which each topic is addressed

SEQUENCE: WHEN YOU TEACH IT

The sequence a curriculum describes the order in which content is introduced.



- Does this order make sense?
- Do skills build on one another?

KEY QUALITIES:

• SYSTEMATIC

Skills are taught in a logical order, moving from least to most complex

• CUMULATIVE

Students can apply previously mastered skills to new learning