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The philosophy of individualized instruction has been embraced by many school systems in the United States. However, research has not consistently supported claims that this approach will increase academic achievement. Teachers have lodged multiple complaints related to demands and problems imposed upon them and their students as a result of implementing individualized programs.

An attempt to alleviate the problems inherent in existing individualized programs has resulted in The Johns Hopkins University staff's development of Team-Assisted Individualization (TAI)—an approach based on the modification of a researched and widely used group-paced model of instruction with cooperative learning teams as one component.

This eight-week study evaluated the effects of three treatments on the achievement and attitudes toward mathematics class of 504 students in grades three, four and five. TAI combined student team learning and individualized instruction. Rapid Progress Mathematics (RPM) students used the exact materials as TAI students, but omitted the team component. This treatment was included to determine whether any effects of the program were due to the combination of teams and individualized instruction or only to the materials and procedures. Control students were instructed with traditional materials and procedures.

Results of the standardized mathematics test showed significant effects for

treatment and grade. After adjustment for pretests, the treatment effects were in the order TAI > RPM > Control. Effects approaching significance were also found on the diagnostic test, but on this test the order of the treatments was TAI > Control > RPM. Results of the attitude scale clearly showed that TAI and RPM conditions created more positive attitudes than did the control classes, but there were no differences between TAI and RPM.

Further research will be needed to assess and to adapt these methods for use over a longer time period and to clarify the relative contributions of the team component and the individualized instruction component of the TAI program. However, this study documents the effectiveness and practicality of combining team learning and individualized instruction.

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CHAPTER ONE

The Problem

Introduction

Never before have so many educational issues been in the forefront. Publics are questioning, accusing and suing. Budgets are being stripped. Students are staging walkouts. Drugs and crime are in the elementary schools. Vandalism is costing taxpayers millions of dollars each year. Family crises are increasing and have adversely affected students' emotional well-being. Child abuse is increasing. Each of these occurrences has an impact upon student learning. In addition to these major issues, pressure to meet the diverse needs of students from different cultures and to provide appropriate instruction for mainstreamed students as mandated in PL 94-142, as well as average, talented and gifted students, have added to the classroom teacher's responsibilities and taxed his or her energy level to the breaking point. In today's educational system it is not at all clear how these diverse issues can be addressed to the satisfaction of all parties.

In a summary of six reports on mathematics education between 1975 and 1980, Suydam (1981) points out that teachers frequently do not differentiate instruction to meet individual needs. Often, the same techniques and the same materials are used with the entire class. Whole-class instruction need not preclude attention to differing needs, but most teachers make few accommodations to provide for individual differences. This is a sad commentary when one analyzes the broad range of needs that exists in every classroom.

One method of providing for individual needs in the classroom is "ability grouping." Many different opinions exist about the value of this procedure. Research indicates that ability grouping can lead to the stereotyping of students which may lead to poor self-concepts (Begle, 1975; Levenson, 1979; Combs, 1952; Rosenthal

& Jacobson, 1968; Brassell, Petry & Brooks, 1980). Ability grouping may also lead to perpetuating segregation in the classroom along ethnic and socio-economic lines (Levenson, 1971; Findley & Bryan, 1975). A paper prepared by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (1976) states that the educational practice of ability grouping is the most common cause of classroom segregation.

Borg (1965) found that self-concepts, feelings of belonging and a reduction of anti-social tendencies were favorable in heterogeneous settings. Goldberg, Passow and Justman (1966) found that students grouped heterogeneously in forty-five New York City elementary schools had superior attainment to that of students in other grouping patterns and that the presence of gifted students had a positive effect on other students.

Not unlike many other leading school systems, the Howard County Maryland Public School System has included in its philosophy the belief that students should receive instruction at their own level and rate of learning. Emphasis is placed on achievement, opportunities to increase computational skills, positive attitudes and acceleration. Awareness of the diversity of abilities in a single classroom brings one to the logical conclusion that Howard County teachers need access to programs of individualization which will assist with the implementation of the accepted philosophy.

Although some teachers in Howard County have used available individualized mathematics programs, county test scores in elementary mathematics tend to support existing research which does not indicate increased academic achievement by students who have progressed through individualized programs. Teachers report that individualized instruction based on the IPI model is much more demanding on their time and is extremely difficult to manage. The checking component alone requires the assistance of aides or volunteers, both of which are often unavailable.

Teachers express concern that some students waste time on material they already know, and others move quickly through the units without clear understanding. They note that many students are bored by individualization and that working in isolation with infrequent direct-contact feedback may allow students to procede on work which is error laden, therefore, developing inappropriate habits. Working in isolation provides no opportunity for peer interaction which is crucial in the development of mathematics concepts and vocabulary as well as a clear understanding of word problems. Waiting for checking and additional assignments leads to wasted time, frustration, boredom and potential discipline problems. If students are unable to receive appropriate feedback at the time it is needed, they may not be motivated to participate and may develop negative attitudes toward mathematics (Aiken, 1961, 1970, 1976; Burbank, 1970; Callahan, 1971; Stanley & Campbell, 1963; Dutton, 1956; Moore, 1973).

Although many teachers support the concept of individualization, it is because of many of the above-cited reasons that individualization in mathematics seems to be diminishing in the schools as an instructional mode at a time when the need for individualization is accelerating.

During the fall of 1980, a pilot study was conducted by The Johns Hopkins
University in a Howard County fourth grade mathematics class. The newly-developed
individualized program was designed to maximize learning opportunities for students
with diverse ability levels through the inclusion of a management system which
involved a cooperative learning team component. Students were allowed to perform
many of the functions which created management problems in other individualized
programs, while at the same time they received the motivation which was needed
to alleviate some of the problems related to checking, monitoring, assigning, feedback and motivation. Students were grouped for instruction within the program

as well as expected to work independently.

Pilot study results revealed growth in mathematics achievement. Results showed that the management system was effective and that it contributed to positive attitude changes in some students, as well as increased on-task behavior. Students of varying abilities and learning levels were able to work effectively within the cooperative learning teams. The success of the pilot would indicate that there is a high degree of probability that these results could be replicated in a larger setting. Therefore, it was desirable that this assumption be tested in a larger study.

Statement of the Problem

Most past attempts to individualize instruction were of a certain type; well conceived in theory but insufficient in practice. It is clear that an effective delivery system is mandatory—a system which effectively customizes a program to provide for individual differences among learners (Jeter, 1980). To this end a new program was developed at The Johns Hopkins University in 1980 with the major purpose of providing a structured management system component different from others which are available. The effects of this program on achievement and attitudes of students have been fully explored in a controlled classroom situation for six weeks. The need to determine if this individualized progam could be applied to a larger setting such as an entire elementary school was immediately evident. Hence, the purpose of this study was to compare attitudes and achievement over an eight-week period, of third, fourth and fifth grade students who were instructed in three different treatments: Team-Assisted Individualization (TAI) as developed by The Johns Hopkins University, Rapid Progress Mathematics (RPM) which includes only the materials of The Johns Hopkins University-developed TAI program

and the Regular Program (RP). Definitions of each treatment can be found at the end of this chapter.

Significance of the Problem

The Howard County Public School System is continuously looking for new and effective ways to improve instruction. This study has significance in that it directly relates to a specific need in this system. These arrangements and organizational patterns have never been used in such a complete package. The pilot study leads one to predict that implications of the study could be far reaching. If this study shows that Team-Assisted Individualization (TAI) is an effective way to increase acceleration and achievement and at the same time provide appropriate instruction for the diverse needs of students in the classroom, it will provide an alternative to the current elementary school mathematics program that, until now, has not existed.

Combining individualization and effective management components into TAI should provide solutions to problems which exist in current individualized programs. The specially designed materials will allow students of diverse abilities to receive instruction at their own level, and the treatment has been specifically structured to facilitate increased academic achievement through consistent support from teammates and the opportunity to progress at the student's individual rate. Assignment to a team should provide motivation toward a common goal and should eliminate problems and frustration which consistently arise in classrooms where downtime is extensive. Students can check, assist and encourage others, are continuously involved and are motivated by the team component to move quickly and accurately (DeVries & Slavin, 1976 & 1978). Therefore, it could be predicted that students who participate in a program with high motivation will out-perform and

will have better attitudes than students with little motivation, and it is logical that teachers will prefer to teach with a system which offers the components of TAI that are so necessary for successful management and implementation.

In addition to assessing the impact of a form of cooperative learning in a regular classroom, this study will provide an extension to the growing literature on the use of cooperative learning strategies in education. The data collected in this study will provide an opportunity to replicate findings of increased achievement and rate of learning. Because this specific form of cooperative intervention is new, this study will provide a stronger test of the concept of cooperation and individualization in the classroom.

Definition of Treatments

For more than ten years, instructional techniques involving learning teams have been researched at The Johns Hopkins University and, as a result, are widely used throughout the United States (DeVries & Slavin, 1976 & 1978). Although these techniques have been found to be an effective instructional strategy, the foundation is a group-paced model in which all students learn the same material at the same rate. The new program (TAI) is a merging of individualization and a management system which includes a team component. Complete descriptions of the different treatments are found in Chapter Three as well as the Appendices where actual materials are included.

TAI:

Team-Assisted Individualization is the individualized mathematics program designed by The John Hopkins University. High, average and low achieving students, as determined by a diagnostic test, are assigned to teams in which they proceed at their own rate to work at the appropriate place within individualized curriculum materials which are organized into skills, units and blocks. Students contribute to team scores which are the result of the sum of the average number correct of all tests taken by all team members. Posted performance of teams shows students how their accomplishments compare with other teams. TAI will be

referred to as Treatment One (T_1) .

RPM:

Rapid Progress Mathematics is a variation of the TAI program which did not include the team component. Performance on the diagnostic test will determine the appropriate level at which students will begin instruction in the program. Procedures are identical to the TAI treatment except that all aspects of the TAI team component have been omitted. RPM will be referred to as Treatment Two (T₂).

RP:

Regular Program teachers were instructed to proceed with their use of the current instructional strategies and mathematics materials with no changes in their regular program for the purpose of this study. RP will be referred to as Treatment Three (T_3) .

Definition of Terms

Accuracy Score:

The sum of the average number correct of all tests taken

by all team members.

Answer Sheets:

Sheets which contain the correct answers to the problems which are included on the Skillsheets, Checkouts and Final Tests.

Block:

Collection of problems of equal difficulty which represents several skill areas. For example, a block might include several multiplication units, a numeration unit, a few fraction units

and a word problem unit.

Checkout:

A final worksheet which consists of two parallel sets of ten items which relate to a particular unit and which must be completed prior to the final test.

Cooperative Intervention:

The specific treatment which has been designed to implement cooperative learning.

Cooperative Learning:

Any of several instructional strategies in which students work in small groups toward an identified common goal.

CTBS:

Comprehensive Tests of Basic Skills is the standardized test from which the Mathematics Computation scale was used to determine achievement by pre-and posttesting.

Down time:

Any amount of time during which a student is not exhibiting on-task behavior due to waiting for such things as instruction, checking or receiving assignments.

Final Test:

The evaluative test which is administered after instruction and assignments on a specific unit have been completed.

H:

Hypothesis to be tested.

Individual Progress Record: Sheet for students in RPM to record progress for a period

of one week.

Instruction Sheet:

An instructional worksheet which explains the skill to be mastered and gives a step-by-step method for solving the problems.

Math Progress Form: The student's individual record of units which have been and which are to be completed.

Monitor:

Rotating students whose responsibility is to locate and check the Final Test which is taken by a member from another team.

Pair:

Two students who work together within a team.

Progress Score:

The average number of units covered by each team member times ten.

Public Team Score Sheet: Sheet on which the accomplishments of each team are posted.

Resource Help: Any source of additional instructional help, such as reading, diagnostic-prescriptive or resource teachers.

Skillsheet:

A worksheet which consists of twenty problems which introduces a subskill that leads to final mastery of the entire skill.

Teacher Review Session: A period of fifteen to twenty minutes during which the teacher instructs groups of students.

Teacher's Manual:

Specific directions needed in order for teachers to implement TAI and RPM.

Team:

Four or five members comprised of high, average and low achievers as determined by the diagnostic test.

Team Score:

The sum of points earned on accuracy, progress rate and facts drills.

Team Score Sheet:

Triad:

The sheet on which each team member's scores are recorded for a period of one week.

which is arranged for study in a definite sequential hierarchy.

Three students who work together within a team.

Unit: A specific topic of study, such as addition, fractions and decimals

Four to seven days (see Chapter Three).

Week:

CHAPTER TWO

Review of Relevant Literature

Research Related to Individualization

Individualized instruction has no precise definition. In a broad sense it simply requires the adaptation of instructional strategies and materials to fit a student's specific needs and characteristics. Rousseau (1906), sometimes referred to as the father of modern pedagogy, wrote that teachers must study each individual carefully in order to learn what the child is, what his/her strengths are and where the child's potential lies. It is then the teacher's responsibility to create the proper environment for the child so that he/she can develop to the fullest extent of his/her abilities. Davidson (1971) writes that only three of Rousseau's educational demands have truly influenced education. They are: (1) the demand that children should have complete freedom of movement from the moment of birth; (2) that children should be taught to use their hands in a productive way; (3) that children should be educated through direct experience.

In <u>Educational Psychology</u> Gates (1942) stresses the development of the total individual. Beginning with one's innate intelligence he elaborates on the rate of development in all areas--vocalizing, motor, emotional and social development, leadership adaptability, needs, ways of learning, degrees of creativity and mental health. Only by looking at each person as an individual and developing educational programs around that particular person can the schools be successful.

In the first fifty years after the union of the states, schools differed very little from what they had been during the colonial period in New England. They remained one-teacher schools within crude buildings and with poor supplies. The instructional method was still on a one-to-one basis, and each pupil continued

to obtain only fleeting periods of private help from the teacher (Reisner, 1930). The methods were generally characterized by drill, memorization and severe discipline, with the major educational aim being the indoctrination in the church doctrines and chatechism. Until the middle 1880's the teacher's time was almost fully used in hearing an individual's assigned recitations, with very little actual instruction (Knight, 1940). Theoretically, the individual lessons should have helped the teacher meet the needs of individuals, but there were so many children waiting for a chance to recite that the amount of individual attention given to students was negligible. Individualized teacher-pupil recitation was not very popular because results were slow. Children may attend school for years and learn only a small amount of reading and writing. The communities did not wish to give more money for the support of schools, but when the monitorial school was introduced by Lancaster and Bell in England in 1797, people realized that education would be rather inexpensive by doing away with the individualized form of teaching. Citizens began to support public schools, and group instruction became popular. The monitorial method brought education to thousands of children who, had it not been for the Lancastrian schools, would never have had an opportunity to receive an education. Meeting the educational needs of a massive segment of the population led the public to the recognition that it was necessary to support public education. Great controversy over this led to the development of the graded school system as a means of improving the education of children (Thomas & Crescimbeni, 1967).

In 1888, Preston Search established a plan of individualized instruction in Pueblo, Colorado. Daily recitations were abolished, and students were permitted to advance at their individual rates of learning (Alberty & Alberty, 1962). Eight years later John Dewey challenged established practices of his time in an attempt to better society by liberating individuals and supporting the variations of children's abilities. His work at the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools

eliminated arbitrary classification of grades and textbooks in an attempt to meet individual needs (Boyd, 1921). He stated that differences in capabilities, needs and preferences in individual children must be recognized, because one cannot assume that all minds work in the same way (Dewey, 1916).

Frederick Burk at the training school of San Francisco State College seems to have been the first educator to systematize a plan for individualized instruction. In 1913 his staff developed self-instructional materials, and students were guided to advance through the assignments at their own rate while the teacher assisted with any difficulties and checked the work. After the student successfully passed a test on the material, a new assignment was given (Alberty & Alberty, 1962).

Alfred Hall-Quest (1916), Professor of Education at the University of Virginia, pleaded for revision in the schools. He recognized that grouping students proved to be an immense time-saver over the method of individual instruction, but stated that grouping is inadequate and unjust to children. He requested quick revision of methods to help each individual reach his or her maximum potential.

Carleton Washburne was also concerned about the fact that children learn at different rates. His answer to how this could be dealt with realistically within a class was the beginning of programmed instruction. His Winnetka Plan abolished grade failure and promotion, attempted to provide for the learner's individual differences, and at the same time, teach for specifics. Curriculum was divided into two parts. The first phase involved the use of individual work centers which were developed around the basic skills and knowledge which everyone had to master. The second phase focused on the child's creativity, special abilities and interests (Bayles and Hood, 1966).

Still in use today are some of the original features of Helen Parkhurst's Dalton Plan which was put to use in the public schools of Dalton, Massachusetts, and in 1920, in the Dalton School of New York City. Students were conferenced, and each established a contract. Several teachers aided students as they progressed as opposed to a student's receiving the help of a single homeroom teacher. This plan was designed to help students of varying abilities to work unhampered by uniform grade expectations. This method of individualization caught the attention of professionals, because it was far superior to the old recitation method of individualization of the nineteenth century (Brubacher, 1947).

Henry Clinton Morrison's teaching method incorporated the steps of pretest, teach and test and focused upon the idea of mastery which, for him, meant only the achievement of a fundamental group of the material studied. His form of individualized instruction was similar to Washburne's in that both provided opportunities for each student to work alone so that he or she could progress at his or her own rate. After Morrison, workbooks and worksheets became widely used in American education (Bayles and Hood, 1966). All of these plans called attention to the inadequacies of daily recitation and pointed out the need for providing instruction according to individual needs.

Edward Thorndike found that in any classroom there are always children who are much poorer or much better than the average, even though the children may be close together in mental ability. He felt that the worst errors of teachers are for them to ignore the fact that these differences exist, and to create one set of fixed rules and habits for all children in the classroom, as well as to teach the class instead of the assortment of different individuals. He believed that variation in the amount, kind and quality of work and the amount of needed assistance vary for each child; that a competent teacher expects these differences and then teaches accordingly (Thorndike, 1913). Thorndike writes that the application of all of the principles of education are affected by individual differences.

They affect the implementation of the aims of education as well as the adaptation of the curriculum to the talents and limitations of each student (Thorndike and Gates, 1931).

By the mid-1930's there was some degree of individualization through the offering of a variety of courses, and through grouping, but there was still strict adherence to subject matter. Progressive educators felt that individual needs of students could be met more effectively by providing life experiences. From this attitude came the Eight Year Study, one of the greatest efforts up to that time to prove this philosophy.

Thirty-eight schools participated in the Eight Year Study from 1932 to 1940. Instruction included group work on common needs and individual activities on particular needs and interests. During this eight-year period certain colleges were persuaded to accept students without meeting the conventional requirements for entrance. At the end of the eight years the work of these students was compared to those with a traditional background. The 1942 published results indicated that success in a liberal arts college did not depend so exclusively as thought on the student's methods of study in the secondary school (Parker, 1963).

The term individualized instruction can be ambiguous. Some interpret this simply to mean that a teacher should treat each student as an individual instead of a number in an assigned seat. Arthur Bestor (1955) writes that individualized instruction means much more. A teacher must be capable of leading each child through the continuous steps in his or her development, regardless of the child's achievement level. The teacher resembles a tutor except that the conditions are less ideal than those under which an actual tutor works. Instead of giving undivided attention to one individual or small group, the classroom teacher must parcel out his or her time to all the pupils who are at different stages of advancement, and

some people argue that he or she is neither teaching a class nor offering individual instruction.

Individualized differences became a primary topic in educational theory in the early years of this century. Until then there was a fixed curriculum. The elimination and the dropping out of less successful students provided the only method which was used to account for individual differences.

Later use of ability tests determined which students should drop out, be placed in an undemanding "slow" classroom or guided into "high" classes which prepared students for higher education. The social theory behind this selection system was that each student should have the opportunity to procede as far in school as his or her abilities warrant which, in turn, would support the dropping out of less responsive students.

Most schools tend to minimize the inconvenience of providing for individual differences so that the same curriculum can be taught. Rather than redesigning programs, most remedial instruction is an add-on to the regular program. Supplementary instruction is provided with the intent of repairing the skill gaps so that the student can be placed back in the regularly paced program. This could be interpreted as an attempt to erase individual differences as opposed to meeting needs of different individuals.

Research on child development by Piaget and others provides evidence that the quality and quantity of peer interactions in a child's school experience play a vital role. Through the interaction, children hear views of others, clarify their own and develop language and the ability to think logically. The lack of peer interaction in individualized programs creates many questions regarding the potential harm (Kamii, 1971; Graham, 1977). One of the conclusions of the extensive secondand fifth-grade observation studies of the Beginning Teacher Evaluation Study

conducted by the Far West Laboratory for Educational Research and Development was that peer interactions can affect cognitive development as well as classroom performance and achievement. The studies showed that a student's achievement level is correlated with the amount of time engaged in meaningful learning tasks and is related to the amount of time spent with teachers and peers in interactions about the specific academic content (Schneider, 1979).

The burden that individualized instruction places upon the teacher is unrealistic, writes Bestor. The teacher must have strength in a large range of subjects and must be informed within the many levels of each subject. Bestor states that these demands are as great as those required of a professional clinical psychologist, are beyond the reach of most teachers, and that the success of any such program stands or falls on the ability of the individual teacher. In contrast, a classroom grouped homogeneously can be organized. Subject matter can be planned systematically, and even a mediocre teacher cannot entirely destroy the effectiveness (Bestor, 1955).

Management Through Individualization

The most encouraging attempts to individualize instruction today are the ungraded or multigrade classrooms where children are allowed to learn as much as fast as they can, or at least as much as the teacher can provide. Goodlad and Anderson (1959) advocated the development of the nongraded vertical pattern of school organization in order to accommodate differences among students. They recognized that the school structure must be designed to facilitate the continuous educational progress of each student. They also note that eliminating the stereotypes of grade expectancies should influence students' abilities to earn early approval of other children. Individual differences, instead of being a source of con-

tention, would become a source of strength. Students of child development realize that the reality of growth defies the strict ordering of students' abilities and attainments into a conventional graded structure.

Individualized instruction has been categorized into several major types. Clearly specified behavioral objectives are a part of all individually diagnosed and prescribed programs. Materials and methods of implementation are coordinated with stated objectives. In self-directed programs, students and teachers cooperatively establish learning outcomes. Students have the freedom to select materials and the goal-reaching procedures. Personalized programs allow the student to choose his or her own objectives and then follow a prescribed program with specialized materials. The independent study approach allows the student to determine his or her own objectives, the topic of study and the means to attain the objectives (Pancella, 1973). Contracting as defined by Wilson and Gambrell (1973) is another variation of individualization. The student and teacher cooperatively agree upon specific learning objectives under the broad objective which is teacher-determined, and then negotiate a contract which takes into consideration the student's learning pace, study method and evaluation.

Driscoll (1980) writes that pace is the only individualized feature within individualized programs since students use the same materials in the same manner —through programmed texts or worksheets. Other objections to individualized instruction were published by the National Advisory Committee on Mathematical Education (NACOME, 1975). The report states that only computation is emphasized, that little, if any, peer interaction occurs and that little attention is given to problem solving and higher analytic skills.

Many schools are attempting to implement individualized programs with materials that are not designed to provide clear directions for the student, nor to provide immediate feedback—two of the most important components of an individualized program. Materials in use often require the teacher's teaching, providing feedback and giving directions. One of the benefits of individualized instruction is lost because students cannot easily move at their own pace. This occupies the teacher with the mundane management problems of the system instead of allowing the teacher to work with individual students. The built—in dependency on the teacher creates confused, frustrated students who must wait and, therefore, use instructional time in an off-task manner which decreases productivity (Kepler and Randall, 1977).

Data from studies conducted by Soar and Soar (1972), Brophy and Evertson (1976) and Good and Grouws (1977) seem to support the use of direct instruction when teaching basic skills. According to Rosenshine (1979), direct instruction is characterized by large group, teacher-directed instruction on specific goals with little choice of activity. These findings would create questions about the use of individualized instruction, but both concepts can be merged to form an effective instructional program.

A study of the individualization movement which peaked in 1920 was published by Grittner (1971). He concluded that present individualization programs will decrease in use just as they did decades ago, and for the same reasons—cost, no achievement increases, excessive demands on teachers, excessive test—taking and isolation. Nix (1970), Osmundson (1972), Palow (1973) and Sutton (1976) agreed that teachers who use individualized programs are overworked. Additionally, Colvin (1973) found that teachers felt isolated in spite of inservice training which was designed to instruct teachers how to manage the programs but which, in fact, did not. Schoen (1976) writes that the results favoring traditional approaches far outweigh those which support individualized approaches and that the numerous

management problems which are a part of individualized programs are detrimental to learning.

Individualization Within Content Areas

One of the most popular attempts to individualize classroom reading and mathematics programs incorporates the use of kits such as those published by Scientific Research Associates. Students can be assigned to or select activities at an appropriate instructional level and are allowed to work at their own rate.

The learning center is another attempt to individualize learning. This is a place where directions and materials are provided for children's individual or group use in an attempt to solve problems or answer questions. The center is designed to help the learner gain knowledge, maintain skills, develop attitudes, or all of these.

Pancella (1973) clearly states in Harcourt Brace Javonovich's <u>Concepts in Science</u> that individualized instruction is not synonymous with independent study but is a program which provides for intrinsic motivation, increases the use of a variety of materials, increases opportunities for direct involvement, and allows each student to advance at his or her own pace. <u>Concepts</u> assumes that all students should master the same conceptual schemes, but that this should be allowed to take place in a variety of ways through different investigative processes.

Many reports of individualized mathematics programs were reviewed by Schoen (1976) who concluded that student achievement was no better in self-paced programs than traditional programs in mathematics, that program effectiveness was not balanced by the extra expense, teacher effort and time and that self-paced programs fared worse than traditional programs when used in the upper elementary grades.

Individually Guided Education (IGE) was developed at the Wisconsin Research

Development Center for Individualized Learning (1974) and is a comprehensive system which is designed to help students learn at their own pace and instructional level. The two key components of IGE are identified by Klausmeier and others (1977) as instructional programming for the individual student and the administrative-organizational arrangements that support the implementation. This innovative program involves the schools, community and teacher education programs, but leaves instructional decisions to the classroom teacher. Developing Mathematical Processes (DMP) is the mathematics component of IGE. The objective-based program allows for grouping and individualizing within an activity, within a topic and among topics. The philosophy of the program is based upon the beliefs that alternative approaches to the learning of a concept must be provided and that "no one understands enough about instructional procedures or how children learn to routinize instruction" (Wisconsin Research & Development Center for Cognitive Learning, 1974, p. 66).

A large scale evaluation of IGE has been designed to assess the program's impact. Results of the evaluation which is being conducted by the Wisconsin Research and Development Center for Individualized Learning are not complete, but preliminary results show that teacher satisfaction increases in relation to increases in the degree of implementation. It is common to find an increase in positive staff outcomes, but there has been no significant increase in student achievement (Romberg, 1976). Katzenmeyer and others (1976) found no differences in standard achievement measures in the pilot study involving IGE and non-IGE schools.

One multi-media approach to individualization is embodied in Programmed Logic for Automatic Teaching Operations (PLATO), a computer-assisted delivery system which combines a responsive typewriter, films, slides, tapes and other audio visual aids with computer programs. This is not intended to be the total

curriculum, but an adjunct to the existing program. Traditional and PLATO classes were compared after data collection over a two-year period. Results showed that no differences occurred in achievement or attrition (Murphy and Appel, 1977). The teacher assigns an appropriate program to a student, after which the computer presents the material, monitors student progress and evaluates performance. The student determines the instructional pace and receives instant feedback for correct answers, as well as alternative information and instruction for incorrect responses (Jeter, 1980).

In 1970 a consortium of eight Utah local educational agencies and the state education agency developed the Utah System Approach to Individualized Learning (U-SAIL) as their approach to the individualization of mathematics and reading for the elementary grades. Curricula were designed to assist in diagnostic/prescriptive teaching, and interdependent components were designed to provide specific guidelines in planning, organizing, implementing and evaluating within a humane classroom environment. In mathematics, materials are coded to promote easy access, and use of manipulatives is stressed. After diagnosis, the student is assigned to groups according to identified need. The teacher presents to the group, monitors student progress, reteaches and conferences with each student as needed. Assignments vary among students, and immediate feedback is provided prior to reassignment or testing (Hales, 1978). Five evaluation studies on the U-SAIL system showed that students in the system showed significantly greater gains than students in non-U-SAIL programs. One of the studies showed that there was a relationship between achievement and the degree of implementation. High implementation classes significantly outperformed the low and middle implementation classes (Jeter, 1980).

Individualized Mathematics System (IMS) is a complete mathematics system

for grades 1-6 which is developed on the hierarchial model. Each unit of instruction states behavioral objectives for teacher and student use. Instruction initially begins with seminars and leads to a student's working individually in each asssigned unit until mastery is demonstrated on the unit posttest. Monitoring within a unit is the responsibility of the student and is based upon recycling or branching as performance on worksheet tests indicates. The teacher determines placement, mastery and initiates assignment to seminars. Pacing is dependent upon the students' individual needs. The system requires considerable preparation as well as several aides, in addition to the classroom teacher (EPIE, 1974).

The University of Pittsburg's Learning Research and Development Center directed an experimental project in K-6 classrooms which eventually became what is known as Individually Prescribed Instruction (IPI)--a highly structured system for instruction in reading, science, spelling and mathematics. Individually prescribed learning activities allow students to work at their own pace and instructional levels after assignment according to placement tests. The system's foundation is a set of instructional objectives for each subject area sequenced into learning hierarchies and is grouped into instructional units. The teacher administers tests, diagnoses strengths and weaknesses, writes prescriptions, monitors student progress and instructs individual students. The scoring of tests is often performed by additional personnel (Bolvin, 1968). Duda (1970) analyzed the IPI program in an attempt to provide insight into its contribution to the field of individualization, and the Learning Research and Development Center for IPI conducted a comprehensive study of the program in 1973-74 in a large number of second grade classrooms across the United States. Analysis of data collected over a period of three years showed that the degree of implementation and individualization had increased since 1963. Increases were noted in reading and mathematics placement scores

and teachers expressed greater confidence with the IPI system (Leinhardt, 1977).

O'Daffer (1976), however, raises many concerns regarding the system. He questions whether or not the individual pacing is really what is meant by individualization. Students work basically in isolation and have few opportunities for interaction with peers. Concept development is minimal since there are few teaching aids, manipulatives or demonstrations. O'Daffer has observed the development of negative attitudes toward mathematics. Paraprofessionals were often instructing students while teachers were scheduling, prescribing, recording and testing. He concludes that careful consideration should be given to the true meaning of an individualized program and that programs should be built around true student needs. Oles (1973) found that the self-scoring component was enjoyed by students, but that 88% of the students cheated.

The Comprehensive School Mathematics Program (CSMP), in its eighth year of the pilot study, is designed to overcome what the program developers identified as a typical problem in elementary school mathematics programs—the lack of appropriate verbal—language skills and abilities. Program components incorporate extensive use of the non-verbal languages of strings, arrows and minicomputer without the symbology and notation that are customarily used. Classroom management techniques allow for large and small group instruction and independent study. The individualization component is implemented through the use of worksheets and workbooks which increase in difficulty as the students progress through the series. Data collected in 1974, 1975 and 1976 favored the CSMP classes, but areas of concern include the cost factor and recruitment and training of teachers (Woodward, 1980).

Management Through Social Organization

Over thirty years ago a small group of social scientists began to write about

the effectiveness of team competition within the classroom (Deutsch, 1949b; Sherif & Sherif, 1953; Coleman, 1959; Bronfenbrenner, 1970). Intrateam cooperation and interteam competition seemed to promote peer support for academic success as well as more eagerness to assist peers. It provided teachers with an instructional strategy which allowed for a successful mode of dealing with the diversity in student achievement within the same class.

Again, an upsurge in research on the attitudinal, social-interactive and academic effects of cooperative team learning in the classroom has occurred during the past decade. Teams are designed to promote peer interaction and to cooperatively pursue the study of an academic subject. Research on cooperative interventions shows that use of this strategy leads to an increase in students' mutual concern for peers as well as in the number of friends which were named (DeVries & Edwards, 1973; Edwards & DeVries, 1974; Slavin, 1978c, 1979; Johnson, Johnson, Johnson & Anderson, 1976; Wheeler, 1977). This has resulted in areas of study such as social studies, mathematics and language arts. Edwards and DeVries (1974), Slavin (1980), Johnson et al (1976) and Wheeler and Ryan (1973) reported students' increased liking of school as a positive effect of cooperative structures. Additionally, Blaney et al (1977), and Slavin and Karweit (1979) reported that students learning cooperatively showed increased self-esteem.

Johnson, Johnson and Anderson (1976) hypothesized that structuring learning in different ways would lead to different patterns of interaction among students and would promote different learning outcomes. Their study used an individualized instruction approach where a student's goal achievement is unrelated to the goal achievement of the other students and a cooperative learning structure where all students are affected by the success of a student. The cooperative learning

group studied together, completed one assignment per group, assisted each other and received praise from the teacher on an individual basis. Results at the end of the 17-day study indicated that "cooperative interaction with peers, compared with studying individualistically, promotes altruistic behavior by children" (p. 450). There was also some evidence to indicate that cooperative learning facilitates an intrinsic motivation to learn while the opposite may occur with individualized learning experiences. There was a positive correlation with cooperative learning and attitude, and higher daily achievement occurred with the cooperative learning group, but no differences existed between groups on an individual review test. However, when students in that setting and students in the individualized condition completed the review test individually, the cooperative group performed better.

Artzt (1979) found that whole class instruction does not allow for enough time to work with individuals, too much time is used to answer questions which are relevant to only a few students, little student interaction occurs, certain students tend to dominate discussions and others hesitate to ask questions. In an attempt to diminish these problems in her secondary mathematics classes, the homogeneous groups were divided into above average, average and below average tracks. Students subdivided themselves into teams of four to six members. Students worked cooperatively and submitted assignments from the team rather than individually. New teams were formed after each unit test. Parents expressed satisfaction with the teaming component, discipline problems decreased, more work was completed, attitudes toward mathematics became more positive and grades improved.

An extensive review of research by Johnson and Johnson (1979) found that student achievement was higher on problem solving tasks when in a cooperative learning situation as opposed to a competition learning situation. Michaels (1977) reviewed ten selected studies and found that in seven, competition promoted higher

achievement than both the individualistic or cooperative efforts. However,
Davis, Laughlin and Komorita (1976) found that cooperation promoted higher achievement in concept attainment tasks than competition or individualistic efforts.

Studies by Clifford (1971) as well as Scott and Cherrington (1974) found that competition resulted in higher achievement than individual efforts, although one study
found no difference between the two efforts (Clifford, 1972).

Educational critics (Holt, 1967; Johnson & Johnson, 1975; Postman & Weingartner, 1969) have warned that consistent use of competition in education can have deleterious effects upon students. A field study reported by Sherif, Harvey, Hood, White and Sherif (1961) found that intergroup tensions can be alleviated by an organization which incorporates a mutual interdependence component as opposed to an intergroup competitive organizational structure. Blaney, Stephan, Rosenfield, Aronson and Sikes (1977) assessed the effect of interdependent learning groups, as opposed to traditional teacher-directed competitive groups, upon the attitudes and interpersonal liking of elementary school students. The study concurred with Gottheil (1955), Phillips (1956), and Phillips and D'Amico (1956) that positive interpersonal benefits result from cooperative interaction; that there was an increased liking for classes (Wheeler & Ryan, 1973) and that students manifested higher self-esteem (Lippitt & Lohman, 1965; Lippitt, Eiseman & Lippitt, 1969) in interdependent groups as opposed to students in traditional classes. This study did not measure academic performance, but a subsequent study suggests that academic performance of students in interdependent learning groups is as good as or is better than that of students in a traditional classroom setting (Lucher, Rosenfield, Aronson & Sikes, in press). Additionally, improvement in ethnic relations in the form of increases in crossethnic helping behavior has been the result of the use of cooperative techniques in the classroom (DeVries & Edwards, 1974; Weigel, Wiser & Cook, 1975).

A study of 45 first grade students by Johnson, Skon and Johnson (1980) showed that students solve problems best by working cooperatively. Groups comprised of high, middle and low achievers were assigned to one of three treatments—the cooperative group where students worked together on tasks, the competitive group where students competed against one another and those in the individual group where students worked independently. Students' tasks included solving verbal and spatial reasoning problems as well as categorizing and retrieving information. Cooperative group students scored significantly better on performance tests than did students in the other two treatments.

The Johns Hopkins University Programs

Aronson and associates (1975, 1978) developed a teaching method, Jigsaw, which is designed to increase a student's sense of responsibility for his or her own learning and to foster peer cooperation and tutoring. Each student becomes an "expert" on one component of the instructional unit and then assumes the responsibility for teaching this to all members of the team to which he or she is assigned. Because team members have knowledge of only the assigned component, their unique information makes their contribution valuable to the success of the team. Task closure is contingent upon mutual cooperation among team members. As existing materials required rewriting by the teacher prior to implementation, Jigsaw II was developed to help alleviate this problem by assigning students to read all of the descriptive or narrative material which is to be studied (Slavin, 1978b).

Teams-Games-Tournaments (TGT) is an imaginative classroom intervention which incorporates a cooperative group structure, active competition among individuals from different teams and games which are integrated into the curriculum (DeVries & Edwards, 1973). Results from ten field experiments over a four-year period

show that TGT, when compared to traditional instruction, "has generally consistent effects on students' academic achievement, mutual concern, positive race relations, peer norms supporting academic achievement and positive attitudes toward school" (DeVries & Slavin, 1976, 1978, p. 31).

A simplification of TGT, Student Teams-Achievement Divisions (STAD) replaces the TGT games with a quiz (Slavin 1977, 1978a, 1980a). Team cooperation is an integral part of the program, but it does not include individual competition. Games and tournaments are replaced by quizzes and rewards to students for special improvement and effort on any given quiz rather than ability. Teachers are encouraged to alternate the use of TGT and STAD in the classroom in order to maintain high student interest over a long period of time.

One could conclude that involving students in an interdependent task will not ensure an improvement in achievement. Greater achievement gains were found where members in the cooperative group received rewards which were contingent upon total group performance. Deutsch (1949) describes this as reward interdependence—a situation in which peer norms develop which encourage efforts that lead to group success and discourage behavior which could hinder the group success.

Based on the findings on Aronson and associates (1975, 1978), DeVries and Edwards (1973), DeVries and Slavin (1976, 1978) and Slavin (1977, 1978a, 1980a) it appears that an intervention designed to facilitate a cooperative learning environment where students with diverse ability levels in mathematics can succeed and student attitudes and academic achievement will improve, would enhance the existing classroom curriculum. It is felt that such an intervention has not existed and that the issue of management of an individualized program has not been addressed adequately in the literature.

SUMMARY

Research has focused on ways to individualize, but yet no suitable program has been found whereby students and teachers agree that it is motivating, manageable, flexible and tailored to meet the diverse ability needs of students. Individualized mathematics programs that were found suffered from various weaknesses which included limited feedback to students, no peer interaction, unrealistic planning demands on teachers, management difficulties, weak monitoring of student progress, built-in dependency on the teacher and the development of negative attitudes.

The literature search has revealed that research on cooperative-learning techniques has shown that both internal and external validity are high and that the "positive effects of cooperative learning methods are well enough established to begin to evaluate extensions or adaptations of the methods to new uses, such as (...) individualization and mastery learning" (Slavin, 1980b, p. 110).

The program proposed in this study was designed by The Johns Hopkins University staff in an attempt to overcome the weaknesses of existing individualized mathematics programs. Based upon the research it would be logical to expect that the use of Team-Assisted Individualization would improve the attitudes and achievement of students of mathematics, and this program, as described in detail in the next chapter, is the foundation of this dissertation.

CHAPTER THREE

Methodology

Subjects

The subjects for the study were 504 third, fourth and fifth grade students from six elementary schools in the Howard County Public School System in the State of Maryland. Male and female Black, Asian and Caucasian students from middle and upper middle socioeconomic communities comprised the sample, which also included students who received resource help in addition to the regular class-room instruction.

Selection of Subjects

Howard County is a small geographic area in which there are 27 elementary schools. In accordance to the philosophy of this county's school system, schools participate in studies on a voluntary basis. For purposes of this study, within the set of eighteen volunteers, six schools were chosen to participate by utilizing a table of random numbers. It was determined by the researcher and the Director of Program Evaluation, Research and Development that these schools were representative of the total population as it relates to IQ, race, sex, socioeconomic status and achievement.

Selection of Teachers

The random selection of the six participating schools also provided for the selection of eighteen teachers who were representative of the third, fourth and fifth grade teachers of the Howard County Public Schools. The average teaching experience of the eighteen teachers was 8.6 years. Five teachers had earned a

Bachelor's degree and thirteen had completed a Master's degree or equivalency.

Teacher Inservice

One week prior to implementation, two separate inservices of three hours each were conducted for the six Team-Assisted Individualization and the six Rapid Progress Mathematics teachers. Training included an introduction to the materials and teachers' manuals, established guidelines and timelines for the project and attempted to develop support system networks within each of the participating schools. Teachers were instructed to keep careful records of student and teacher attendance. Students for whom test data were missing were excluded from the final analyses.

Overview of Treatments

Three treatments were utilized in this study. One, Team-Assisted Individualization (Slavin, Leavey & Madden, 1980), involved the use of cooperative task and reward structures in the classroom. The second, Rapid Progress Mathematics (Slavin, Leavey & Madden, 1981) was a variation of the Team-Assisted Individualization program in which only the materials were utilized. The third, Regular Program, was the curriculum which would have been used for instruction whether or not this study was in progress.

Description of Treatments

Team-Assisted Individualization (T₁)

Team. Students were assigned to four- to five-member teams which consisted of high, average and low achievers as determined by the diagnostic test. Boys, girls and students of any ethnic groups in the classes were represented in the proportion in which the entire class was comprised.

<u>Diagnostic test</u>. The students were pretested at the beginning of the project on mathematics operations and were placed at the appropriate point in the individualized program based on their performance on the diagnostic test (see Appendix, p. 95). Students were assigned to skill categories on which their performance was less than 80 per cent.

<u>Curriculum materials</u>. For all operations skills, the students worked on individualized curriculum materials that had the following subparts:

- An Instruction Sheet explaining the skill to be mastered and giving a step-by-step method of solving problems.
- Several Skillsheets, each consisting of twenty problems. Each Skillsheet introduced a subskill that led to final mastery of the entire skill.
- 3. A Checkout which consisted of two parallel sets of ten items.
- 4. A Final Test.
- 5. Answer Sheets for Skillsheets, Checkouts, and Final Tests.

Monitors. At the beginning of each class period, three students from different teams were appointed to serve as monitors for that period. Each received 15 points for their team (as though they had taken one test and received a perfect score) because he or she could not contribute to his or her team during the period in which he or she served as monitor. Monitors distributed, scored and filed appropriate tests.

Team study method. Following the diagnostic test, students were given a starting place in the individualized mathematics units. They progressed through their units in their teams, following these steps:

 Students formed pairs or triads within their teams which were initially formed at random. Students located the unit on which they were working and brought it to the work area. The units consisted of the Instruction

- Sheet, Skillsheets and Checkouts stapled together, and the Skillsheet Answers and Checkout Answers stapled together.
- In pairs, students exchanged Answer Sheets with their partners. In triads, they gave their Answer Sheets to the student on their left.
- Each student read his or her Instruction Sheet and asked teammates or the teacher for help, if necessary.
- 4. When students had read the Instruction Sheet they began with the first Skillsheet in the unit. Students copied the problems from the stapled sheets onto their own paper prior to completing the tasks.
- 5. Each student worked the first four problems on his or her own Skillsheet and then had his or her partner check the answers against the Answer Sheet. If all four were correct, the student progressed to the next Skillsheet. If any were wrong, the student completed the next four problems, and so on until he or she got one block of four problems correct.
- 6. When a student successfully completed four in a row on the last Skillsheet, he or she took Checkout A, a ten-item quiz that resembled the last Skillsheet. On the Checkout, students worked alone until they finished. When the problems were completed, a teammate scored the Checkout. If the student got eight or more correct, the teammate signed the Checkout to indicate that the student was certified by the team to take the Final Test. If the student did not get eight correct, the teacher was called to explain any problems the student was having. The teacher had the prerogative of asking the student to work again on certain Skillsheet items or the student may have then taken Checkout B, a second ten-item test comparable in content and difficulty to Checkout A. Otherwise, students skipped Checkout B and went directly to the

- Final Test. No student could take the Final Test until he or she had been passed by a teammate on a Checkout.
- When a student "checked out," he or she took the Checkout to a student 7. monitor from a different team. Three students served as monitor at any given time. The monitors' responsibilities included finding the proper test and giving it to the student. The student moved his or her desk away from all other students to take the test. A student taking a test was not to be disturbed for any reason. After completion, the student located the monitor who scored the test. The student could check the scoring in the presence of the monitor and bring any discrepancies to the attention of the teacher for resolution. The teacher had the option to check all Final Tests to keep track of student progress and to be sure that all scoring was accurate. When the tests were scored, they were given to the teacher to be entered on the student's Team Score Sheet, and the student checked the unit off on his or her own Math Progress Form. The student then wrote the unit and his or her score on the Team Score Sheet posted in the classroom.
- 8. There is no "down time" in this model. Whenever a student's partner left to take a Checkout or Test, to serve as a monitor or for any other purpose, the student joined another pair in his or her team to form a triad, or if the rest of the team was already a triad, the student formed a new pair with one of the students.

Facts Sequence

The system described above does not include addition, subtraction, multiplication or division facts. These facts were taught using a separate method.

Preparation for the facts units occurred entirely out of class, as homework.

Students were able to take home facts practice sheets to study with parents, siblings or other students. Students worked first for accuracy, then for speed on each facts unit.

Every Tuesday and Friday, all students took five-minute tests on the facts unit they were studying. The facts tests were comprised of ninety problems organized in three sections: A, B and C. The A section consisted of facts from 0-3; B contained 4-6; and C contained 7-9 facts. When a student began a fact sequence, he or she had to first get 100% on Section A, then 100% on Section B, then 100% on Sections A and B taken together, then 100% on C, then 100% on B and C taken together, and finally 100% on A, B and C in five minutes, as indicated in the chart below:

Facts Sequence

- 1. A
- 2. P
- 3. A + B
- 4. C
- 5. B+C
- 6. A + B + C

Five minutes should be more than sufficient for any one section, but as sections were added together, the task became more of a speed drill. A student stayed on each step of the sequence until he or she passed it and then proceeded to the next step. If a student passed step 6, he or she went to the next fact sequence (e.g., from multiplication to division).

The fact tests were scored in class. Students exchanged tests with members of other teams after which the teacher read the answers, displayed them on an overhead projector or chart paper or distributed answer sheets. When a student passed a step in the sequence, he or she put a "15" by his or her name on the Team Score Sheet to indicate a perfect paper, gave the teacher the correct test and entered the date in the appropriate place on the Math Progress Form.

If any students were having difficulty with their facts so that this interfered

with their progress through their skill units, they had the opportunity to use a grid until they passed the relevent facts sequence. If any students passed all of their facts sequences, they worked on their individualized units during the facts tests. The teacher provided homework for these students, as they were not studying facts at home.

Teacher review session. As soon as students were working well in their teams on the individualized materials, the teacher began forming groups of one to ten students who were at about the same point in the curriculum and provided instruction in 10-20 minute sessions. The purpose of these sessions was to discuss any points with which students were having trouble and to prepare students for upcoming units. During the time that the teacher was working with the small groups, other students were continuing on their own units.

<u>Curriculum organization</u>. The curriculum was organized into nine skills: addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, numeration, ratio/per cent and word problems. The units in each skill area were arranged in a specific sequence in which each unit depended on the last unit's having been mastered.

The units were also organized into blocks that included units from several skill areas but at about the same level of difficulty. Most blocks included at least one word problem unit. A block might have included, for example, several multiplication units, a few fraction units, a numeration unit and a word problem unit.

Students could complete the units in a block in any order as long as they did the units in the same skill area in order. They were required to complete all the units in a block before they could proceed to the next block.

Students maintained personal folders with all of their work and with a Math
Progress Form on which they checked off units as they completed them. The teacher
checked each student's Math Progress Form before making up groups for review

sessions, to see how students were doing and to prepare for anticipated difficult upcoming units.

Record keeping. The Individual Progress Record was used to monitor student progress through the curriculum. An example of an Individual Progress Record appears as an Appendix. Each Individual Progress Record encompassed one week. The letter-number combination (such as M13, D3) in the space for "unit," and the number correct on the fifteen-item test in the space for "score" were recorded. When a student passed a step in the facts sequence, this was indicated by putting, for example, MF2 to show that the student passed the second step in multiplication facts (the B section, 4's, 5's, and 6's facts). The facts units were designated AF (addition), SF (subtraction), MF (multiplication) or DF (division). Under the unit designation, a "15" was recorded to indicate a perfect score (the 100% correct required to pass the unit).

In addition to the Individual Progress Record, student progress was recorded on the Math Progress Forms.

Team scores. At the end of each week, the teacher calculated team scores. Those scores were the sum of the average number correct of all tests taken by all team members (the Accuracy Score) and the average number of units covered by each team member times ten (the Progress Score). To calculate the Accuracy Score, the sum of the number correct on all Final Tests taken by all students in the team was divided by the number of tests taken and multiplied by ten. If a student attended class two days or less, his or her scores were not included in the Accuracy Score. To compute the Progress Score, the total number of tests taken by all students who were in the class three or more days were counted and divided by the number of students on the team who were present three or more days and multiplied by ten. For the purposes of scoring, a "week" was considered

four or more days. If a week had three or fewer days due to snow days, holidays, school assemblies etc., the week's scores were combined with those of the next week.

The team score was equal to the sum of the Accuracy Score and the Progress Score. A sample Team Score Sheet appears in the Appendix.

Team recognition. It was critical in Team-Assisted Individualization for students to feel that team success was important, and that any team could be successful. For this purpose, goals were set for team success that teams could achieve if they worked well together. Students could see how their accomplishments moved the team toward its goal as they posted their scores on the Public Team Score Sheet. The goals for different levels of team achievement and the awards for achieving them were as follows:

Award	Goal	Reward
GOODTEAM	35	Congratulations in class
GREATTEAM	40	Certificate to each team member
SUPERTEAM	50	Fancy certificate to each team member

The GREATTEAM certificates were standard certificates for all students who made 40 or more team points. SUPERTEAM certificates were fancier and had spaces on which to put the team and team member's name. In addition to these rewards, the teacher was encouraged to give other special privileges to successful teams. It was also recommended that the team names be put on pieces of cardboard and then displayed on a bulletin board on which the team names were displayed under "GOODTEAM," "GREATTEAM" or "SUPERTEAM." It was very important that the teacher emphasize the importance of team success and the fact that

any team could achieve it if they worked together. A sample SUPERTEAM certificate appears in the Appendix.

If a short week existed because of vacations, assemblies, fire drills, etc., the teacher could lower the goals temporarily. If two weeks were combined, the teacher could raise the goals temporarily.

Rapid Progress Mathematics (T2)

<u>Diagnostic test</u>. The students were pretested at the beginning of the project on mathematics operations and were placed at the appropriate point in the individualized program based on their performance.

<u>Curriculum materials</u>. For all operations skills, the students worked on individualized curriculum materials that had the following subparts:

- Instruction Sheet explaining the skill to be mastered and giving a stepby-step method of solving problems.
- Several Skillsheets, each consisting of twenty problems. Each Skillsheet introduced a subskill that led to final mastery of the entire skill.
- 3. A Checkout, which consisted of two parallel sets of ten items.
- 4. A Final Test.
- Answer Sheets for Skillsheets, Checkouts and Final Tests.

Monitors. At the beginning of each class period, three students were appointed to serve as monitors for that period. Their responsibilities were to distribute, score and file appropriate tests.

<u>Study method</u>. Following the diagnostic test, students were given a starting place in the individualized mathematics units. They progressed through their units, following these steps.

1. Students located the unit on which they were working and brought

it to their desks. The units consisted of the Instruction Sheet, Skillsheets and Checkouts stapled together, and the Skillsheet Answers and Checkout Answers stapled together.

- Each student read his or her Instruction Sheet and asked the teacher for help, if necessary.
- 3. When they had read the Instruction Sheet, the students began with the first Skillsheet in the unit. Students copied the problems from the stapled sheets onto their own paper prior to completing the tasks.
- 4. Each student worked the first four problems after any examples on his or her own Skillsheet and then checked the answers against the Answer Sheet. If all four were correct, the student proceeded to the next Skillsheet. If any were incorrect, the student tried the next four problems, and so on until he or she got one block of four problems correct.
- 5. When a student successfully completed four in a row on the last Skillsheet, he or she took Checkout A, a ten-item quiz that resembled the last Skillsheet. On the Checkout, students worked until they were finished. They scored their own Checkouts, using their Answer Sheets. If the student got eight or more correct, he or she signed the Checkout to indicate that he or she was ready to take the Final Test. If the student did <u>not</u> get eight correct, he or she called on the teacher to explain any problems. The teacher had the prerogative of asking the student to work again on certain Skillsheet items or the student may have then taken Checkout B, a second ten-item test comparable in content and difficulty to Checkout A. Otherwise, students skipped Checkout B and went directly to the Final Test. No student could take the Final Test until he or she had passed a Checkout.

6. When a student "checked out," he or she took the Checkout to a student monitor. Three students served as monitor at any given time. The monitors' responsibilities included finding the proper test and giving it to the student. The student moved his or her desk away from all other students to take the test. A student taking a test was not to be disturbed for any reason. After completion, the student located the monitor who scored the test. The student could check the scoring in the presence of the monitor and bring any discrepancies to the attention of the teacher for resolution. The teacher had the option to check all Final Tests to keep track of student progress and to be sure that all scoring was accurate. When the tests were scored, they were given to the teacher to be entered on the student's Math Progress Form and recorded by the teacher.

<u>Facts sequence</u>. The facts were taught according to the procedures outlined on the proceding pages in the TAI guidelines.

<u>Teacher review sessions</u>. As soon as students were working well on the individualized materials, the teacher began forming groups for instruction as described on the preceding pages in the TAI guidelines.

<u>Curriculum organization</u>. The curriculum is organized identically to the TAI curriculum as previously described.

Record keeping. Record keeping procedures were identical to those in the TAI treatment.

Regular Program (T₃)

The curriculum is that which would have been used for instruction whether or not this study had occurred, but was restricted to the same nine units of study

which were included in T₁ and T₂ (numeration, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, word problems, ratio/per cent).

Test Instruments

The standardized Comprehensive Tests of Basic Skills Mathematics Computation (1973) subscale was administered as pre- and posttests to assess achievement.

The forty-eight item test was forty-five minutes in length.

A sixteen-item questionnaire was given as a pre- and post measure to assess students' attitudes toward mathematics and feelings of competence in mathematics. The scales were "Liking of Mathematics" and "Feelings of Competence in Mathematics" and were presented in a Likert-type format where students' agreement or disagreement with each statement was indicated by circling one of the following responses: YES! yes no NO! This was adapted from scales used previously by Slavin (1978c).

A diagnostic test was administered to determine appropriate placement in the program. The test was designed as a part of the Team-Assisted Individualization package and consisted of sixty-four items of varying levels of difficulty which were representative of the nine skills included in the materials (Slavin, Leavey & Madden, 1980 & 1981).

Treatment Schedule

The timeline for implementation of the study was as follows:

March 16	a.m. inservice for T_1 teachers
	p.m. inservice for T ₂ teachers
March 17	administered diagnostic pretest
March 18	administered achievement pretes

March 19	administered attitude survey pretest
March 20	administered make-up tests
March 23	project began
May 22	project ended
May 26	administered diagnostic posttest
May 27	administered achievement posttest
May 28	administered attitude survey posttest
May 29	administered make-up tests

Outline of Research Design

A Pretest-Posttest Control Group Design outlined in Stanley and Campbell (1963) was used to assess the effects of the use of specifically designed individualized mathematics materials and the accompanying management system. Utilization of table of random numbers determined assignment of schools to treatment groups T_1 , T_2 or T_3 . Within each school, one teacher in grades three, four and five, or a total of three teachers was assigned by the Principal to participate in the study.

This study made it possible to assess the effects of using Team-Assisted Individualization in a classroom setting which was comprised of students with varying levels of ability. Use of analysis of covariance with pretests and grade level as covariates reduced the possibility that any differences found were due to pre-existing differences.

Threats to the generalizability of the findings to the regular classroom were minimized by specific features of the experimental design. First, regular classroom teachers who were encumbered by all of the usual problems of teaching full time, implemented the treatments. This would be true in most situations in which any findings would be applied. Second, the use of the treatment with materials only (T_2) also demanded a restructuring of the classroom and a new curriculum. Treat-

ment T_3 groups proceeded according to what they would have done if they had not participated in the study. The design can be described as follows:

Table I provides a complete outline of the research design for this study. Only

TABLE 1 Outline of Research Design

Teacher	Grade Level	School Treatr	ment
		School Heati	
I	3	Α	T_1
II	4	A	τ_1
III	5	A	τ_1
IV	3	В	T_2
V	4	В	T ₂
VI	5	В	т2
VII	3	С	T ₃
VIII	4	С	T ₃
IX	5	С	Т3
X	3	D	T_1
XI	4	D	τ_1
XII	5	D	τ_1
XIII	3	Е	T_2
XIV	4	Е	т ₂
XV	5	E	т ₂
XVI	3	F	Т3
XVII	4	F	т ₃
XVIII	5	F	т ₃

one of the three treatments was assigned to a given school. Different treatments in progress concurrently within the open-spaced structures would have confounded the treatments. It was also the intent of the researcher to build a support system among teachers in a given building who were participating in identical programs. Hypotheses to be Tested

Providing appropriate instruction for students of high, average and low abilities within the same classsroom has geen a goal for many individualized mathematics programs. However, available programs have not provided solutions to many of the problems which are previously discussed. Thus, this study was designed to answer the following question: Will the use of Team-Assisted Individualization result in a difference in third, fourth and fifth graders' achievement and attitudes? With the aforestated question in mind, the researcher formulated the following hypotheses:

- H₁: There will be a significant difference among treatments on the mean scores of the achievement pre- and posttests in favor of the T₁ classes.
- H₂: There will be a significant difference among treatments on the mean scores of the attitude pre- and posttests in favor of the T₁ classes.
- H₃: There will be a significant difference among treatments on the mean scores of the achievement pre- and posttests in favor of the T₂ classes over the T₃ classes.
- H₄: There will be a significant difference among treatments on the mean scores of the attitude pre- and posttests in favor of the T₂ classes over the T₃ classes.

Analysis of covariance was used to determine statistical significance which was predicted to be at the p = <.05 level on all comparisons. It was determined that

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grade level and pre-test scores on both the CTBS-math and diagnostic tests would be used as covariates. It was agreed that if significance were found, pairwise comparisons would be made using the procedures as diagrammed below:



Data Analysis

The data analysis was comprised of four basic parts. The first set of analyses examined the effect of TAI on students' attitudes toward mathematics. The second set of analyses dealt with the effects of RPM on students' attitudes towards mathematics. The third set analyzed data to determine the effect of TAI on students' achievement. A fourth set of analyses dealt with the effect of RPM on students' achievement. Data analyses are outlined as follows:

Analysis I: Attitudes of T₁ and T₂ students at all grade levels.

Analysis II: Attitudes of T₁ and T₃ students at all grade levels.

Analysis III: Attitudes of T2 and T3 students at all grade levels.

Analysis IV: Achievement of T₁ and T₂ students at all grade levels using pretest achievement on the CTBS-math and grade level as covariates.

Analysis V: Achievement of T₁ and T₃ students at all grade levels using pretest achievement on the CTBS-math and grade level as covariates.

Analysis VI: Achievement of T₂ and T₃ students at all grade levels using pretest achievement on the CTBS-math and grade level as covariates.

Analysis VII: Achievement of T₁ and T₂ students at all grade levels using pretest achievement on the diagnostic test and grade level as covariates.

Analysis VIII: Achievement of T₁ and T₃ students at all grade levels using pretest achievement on the diagnostic test and grade level as covariates.

Analysis IX: Achievement of T₂ and T₃ students at all grade levels using pretest achievement on the diagnostic test and grade level as covariates.

CHAPTER FOUR

Results of the Study

The data were analyzed by means of analysis of covariance, with the CTBS-

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TABLE 2
Means and Standard Deviations, Grade Three
Achievement and Attitude Measures

Instrument		\bar{x}	TAI SD	\overline{x}	RPM SD	X Cor	ntrol SD
CTBS - Math	Pre Post Adjusted	19.84 24.33 23.58	6.23 7.87	19.73 22.65 22.01	7.94 8.65	17.06 19.43 21.26	6.88 9.19
Diagnostic Math Test	Pre Post Adjusted	23.02 29.65 29.95	6.44 6.92	25.35 26.65 24.99	9.04 9.13	21.19 24.57 26.40	8.86 9.72
Liking of Math Class	Pre Post Adjusted	21.55 25.24 26.20	6.44 6.73	25.07 26.72 25.72	5.98 5.34	23.05 20.89 21.02	5.33 6.74
Self-Concept in Math	Pre Post Adjusted	23.32 25.62 26.02	3.69 4.11	24.31 25.00 24.83	5.62 4.78	24.50 25.34 25.06	4.27 4.76

TABLE 3
Means and Standard Deviations, Grade Four
Achievement and Attitude Measures

Instrument		x	TAI SD	x	RPM SD	₹ Cor	ntrol SD
CTBS - Math	Pre Post Adjusted	33.02 34.46 31.91	7.82 7.19	30.29 36.00 35.62	11.74 10.39	26.39 28.73 31.45	8.95 10.49
Diagnostic Math Test	Pre Post Adjusted	38.17 39.77 38.25	6.82 7.98	39.39 45.04 42.32	13.73 14.50	32.69 37.33 41.23	9.02 11.27
Liking of Math Class	Pre Post Adjusted	26.45 25.77 24.94	5.59 5.70	24.83 25.86 25.79	5.24 4.86	23.00 23.27 24.07	5.72 5.54
Self-Concept in Math	Pre Post Adjusted	25.70 25.52 24.80	4.36 5.06	24.52 25.05 25.21	4.39 4.04	24.06 24.02 24.53	4.24 4.92

math and diagnostic pretests and grade level as the covariates. The experimental factor was treatment: T_1 vs. T_3 and T_2 vs. T_3 . Three comparisons were computed: T_1 vs.

TABLE 4
Means and Standard Deviations, Grade Five
Achievement and Attitude Measures

Instrument		$\overline{\overline{x}}$	TAI SD	X	RPM SD	X Cor	ntrol SD
CTBS - Math	Pre Post Adjusted	36.59 39.57 39.69	7.29 6.15	35.29 36.15 37.27	8.97 9.23	38.11 39.11 38.05	6.43 7.34
Diagnostic Math Test	Pre Post Adjusted	45.94 51.33 50.41	6.12 6.35	43.47 46.62 48.02	9.83 12.36	45.54 50.93 50.38	7.86 8.41
Liking of Math Class	Pre Post Adjusted	25.37 24.37 23.84	5.59 6.08	25.11 24.02 23.66	3.99 5.45	23.51 21.54 22.23	4.43 5.15
Self-Concept in Math	Pre Post Adjusted	25.67 26.22 25.68	3.96 3.53	23.91 24.89 25.48	4.54 4.42	24.97 24.14 24.05	4.06 4.55

TABLE 5
Means and Standard Deviations, Full Sample
Achievement and Attitude Measures

Instrument		\bar{x}	TAI SD	$\bar{\bar{x}}$	RPM SD	X Cor	ntrol SD
CTBS - Math	Pre Post Adjusted	30.18 33.12 32.40	10.08 9.43	28.51 31.45 32.18	11.59 11.31	29.25 31.02 30.95	11.27 11.86
Diagnostic Math Test	Pre Post Adjusted	35.83 40.40 40.31	11.54 11.39	36.11 39.35 38.96	13.40 15.10	35.05 39.68 40.14	13.05 15.10
Liking of Math Class	Pre Post Adjusted	24.37 25.09 24.94	6.23 6.19	25.02 25.51 25.01	5.09 5.35	23.23 21.93 22.56	5.07 5.75
Self-Concept in Math	Pre Post Adjusted	24.87 25.80 25.57	4.13 4.23	24.23 24.97 25.14	4.89 4.42	24.56 24.40 24.44	4.16 4.72

 T_2 , T_1 vs. T_3 and T_2 vs. T_3 . Means, adjusted means and standard deviations by grade level are shown on Tables 2, 3 and 4 and by treatment in Table 5.

It was hypothesized that there would be significant differences on the mean scores of the achievement and attitude posttests (controlling for pretests and grade level) in favor of TAI over all groups and that there would be significant differences on the mean scores of the achievement and attitude posttests in favor of RPM over Control.

Grade three comparisons show in Tables 6 and 7 that a statistically significant effect (p < .001) was found in favor of RPM and TAI students over Control students in Liking of Math. TAI students showed a statistically significant higher performance on the diagnostic test than Control students (p < .003), as shown in Table 7, and were significantly higher than RPM students on the diagnostic test (p<.001), as shown in Table 8.

TABLE 6
Individual Comparisons
Grade Three, RPM vs. Control

Instrument	F	df	p <	Direction
CTBS - Math	.342	1,83	N.S.	
Diagnostic	2.44	1,94	N.S.	
Liking of Math	19.113	1,89	.001	RPM > C
Self-Concept	.088	1,89	N.S.	

TABLE 7
Individual Comparisons
Grade Three, TAI vs. Control

Instrument	F	df	p <	Direction
CTBS - Math	2.789	1,75	N.S.	
Diagnostic	9.23	1,88	.003	TAI > C
Liking of Math	20.598	1,86	.001	TAI > C
Self-Concept	2.039	1,85	N.S.	

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TABLE 8
Individual Comparisons
Grade Three, TAI vs. RPM

Instrument	F	df	p <	Direction
CTBS - Math	1.856	1,91	N.S.	
Diagnostic	22.756	1,101	.001	TAI > RPM
Liking of Math	.008	1,102	N.S.	
Self-Concept	2.133	1,101	N.S.	

Comparisons of grade four students show (Table 9) that RPM students scored at a statistically significant level over Control students on the CTBS - math test (p <.003) and Liking of Math scale (p <.001). Table 10 shows a statistically significant difference in the performance of Control students over TAI students (p<.004) on the diagnostic test and, in Table 11, RPM students over TAI students on the CTBS - math test (p<.005) and diagnostic test (p.<.001).

TABLE 9
Individual Comparisons
Grade Four, RPM vs. Control

Instrument	F	df	p <	Direction
CTBS - Math	9.083	1,88	.003	RPM > C
Diagnostic	.641	1,94	N.S.	
Liking of Math	14.142	1,88	.001	RPM > C
Self-Concept	.952	1,88	N.S.	

TABLE 10
Individual Comparisons
Grade Four, TAI vs. Control

Instrument	F	df	p <	Direction
CTBS - Math	.060	1,92	N.S.	
Diagnostic	8.763	1,96	.004	C > TAI
Liking of Math	.525	1,90	N.S.	
Self-Concept	.038	1,90	N.S.	

TABLE 11
Individual Comparisons
Grade Four, TAI vs. RPM

Instrument	F	df	p <	Direction
CTBS - Math	8.273	1,85	.005	RPM > TAI
Diagnostic Liking of Math	12.039 .816	1,91 1,83	.001 N.S.	RPM > TAI
Self-Concept	.302	1,83	N.S.	

Table 12 shows that there was a statistically significant difference in the performance of the grade five Control students over RPM students (p < .031) on the diagnostic test and of RPM students over Control students on the self-concept scale (p < .032). TAI students also showed a statistically significant difference on the self-concept scale over Control students (p < .008) as shown in Table 13. Table 14 shows that there was a statistically significant performance on both the standardized (p < .014) and diagnostic tests (p < .050) by TAI students over RPM students.

TABLE 12
Individual Comparisons
Grade Five, RPM vs. Control

Instrument	F	df	p <	Direction
CTBS - Math	.301	1,116	N.S.	C > RPM
Diagnostic	4.759	1,124	.031	
Liking of Math	3.182	1,118	N.S.	RPM >C
Self-Concept	4.724	1,117	.032	

TABLE 13
Individual Comparisons
Grade Five, TAI vs. Control

Instrument	F	df	P <	Direction
CTBS - Math	2.244	1,110	N.S.	
Diagnostic	.006	1,115	N.S.	
Liking of Math	3.445	1,116	N.S.	
Self-Concept	7.294	1,114	.008	TAI > C

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TABLE 14
Individual Comparisons
Grade Five, TAI vs. RPM

Instrument	F	df	P <	Direction
CTBS - Math	6.266	1,101	.014	TAI > RPM
Diagnostic	3.914	1,108	.050	TAI > RPM
Liking of Math	.036	1,103	N.S.	
Self-Concept	.143	1,102	N.S.	

As shown in Table 15, pretest comparisons of academic performance between classes in the different treatments show no significant differences (p > .10). However, the RPM groups entered the study with a better liking of math than did other groups.

TABLE 15
Analysis of Variance, TAI vs. RPM vs. Control, Full Sample
Comparison of Performance on Pretests

Instrument	F	df	p <	Direction
CTBS - Math	.826	2,431	N.S.	
Diagnostic	.299	2,466	N.S.	
Liking of Math	4.14	2,448	.02	RPM >TAI> C
Self-Concept	.783	2,445	N.S.	

The results of the overall comparison of TAI vs. RPM vs. Control on the standardized mathematics test (CTBS) showed that effects for treatment were not statistically significant. After adjustment for pretests and grade level by using the analysis of covariance the adjusted posttest scores were in the order TAI>RPM >Control. Statistically significant effects (p<001) were found for the Liking of Math measure (RPM > TAI > Control) and for Self-Concept (p<.017; TAI > RPM > Control).

The comparison of TAI vs. RPM (Table 17) showed that TAI students scored significantly higher than RPM students on the diagnostic test (p < .052), but there

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TABLE 16
Analysis of Covariance, TAI vs. RPM vs. Control, Full Sample
Posttest Comparisons on Achievement and Attitudes

Instrument	F	df	p <	Direction
CTBS - Math	2.74	2,429	N.S.	
Diagnostic	2.60	2,464	N.S.	
Liking of Math	11.60	2,446	.001	RPM>TAI>C
Self-Concept	4.11	2,443	.017	TAI >RPM>C

were no other differences. However, as is shown in Table 18, TAI students scored significantly higher than Control students on the CTBS-math test (p < .021), the Liking of Math scale (p < .001) and the Self-Concept scale (p < .008).

TABLE 17
Analysis of Covariance, TAI vs. RPM, Full Sample
Achievement and Attitudes

Instrument	F	df	p <	Direction
CTBS - Math	.305	1,282	N.S.	
Diagnostic	3.79	1,305	.052	TAI > RPM
Liking of Math	.015	1,293	N.S.	
Self-Concept	1.27	1,291	N.S.	

TABLE 18
Analysis of Covariance, TAI vs. Control, Full Sample
Achievement and Attitudes

Instrument	F	df	P <	Direction
CTBS - Math	5.36	1,282	.021	TAI> C
Diagnostic	.194	1,304	N.S.	
Liking of Math	16.26	1,297	.001	TAI >C
Self-Concept	7.22	1,294	.008	TAI > C

Although RPM students scored higher than Control students on the CTBS-math test and lower than Control students on the diagnostic test (p < .052), only the latter of these findings was statistically significant. RPM students scored

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significantly higher than Control on the Liking of Math scale (p < .001), and marginally higher on the Self-concept scale (p < .075).

TABLE 19
Analysis of Covariance, RPM vs. Control, Full Sample
Achievement and Attitudes

Instrument	F	df	p <	Direction
CTBS - Math	2.87	1,292	N.S.	
Diagnostic	3.82	1,317	.052	C > RPM
Liking of Math	19.37	1,300	.001	RPM > C
Self-Concept	3.19	1,299	N.S.	

Test-retest correlations of pre- and posttest instruments are shown in Table 20, and the correlations of the standardized (CTBS) mathematics test and the diagnostic test are reflected in Table 21.

TABLE 20 Reliability Estimates Test-Retest Correlations

Instrument	r
CTBS - Math	.86
Diagnostic	.91
Liking of Math	.52
Self-Concept	.63

TABLE 21
Test Correlations
CTBS and Diagnostic

Test	r
CTBS and Diagnostic Pretests	.81
CTBS and Diagnostic Posttests	.86

CHAPTER FIVE

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Conclusions and Discussion

Four hypotheses were formulated in the proposal which served as the foundation for this study. It was hypothesized that:

- There will be a significant difference among treatments on the mean scores of the achievement pre-and posttests in favor of the TAI classes.
- There will be a significant difference among treatments on the mean scores of the attitude pre- and posttests in favor of the TAI classes.
- 3. There will be a significant difference between treatments on the mean scores of the achievement pre- and posttests in favor of the RPM classes over the control classes.
- 4. There will be a significant difference between treatments on the mean scores of the attitude pre- and posttests in favor of the RPM classes over the control classes.

Conclusions

Full sample analyses (Table 5) show that TAI students gained more than RPM and Control students on both the CTBS-math and diagnostic tests, but that the gain was not statistically significant (Table 16). Tables 17 and 18 show that TAI students gained at a statistically significant level over RPM on the diagnostic test and over Control on the CTBS-math test, but hypothesis one was not confirmed by the results of the study.

Confirmation was not received on hypothesis two. RPM students showed a statistically significant gain (p <.001) over TAI and Control students on the Liking of Math scale, but TAI students gained a statistically significant amount (p <.017) over RPM and Control students on the Self-Concept scale (Tables 5 and 16). No

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statistical significance was found between TAI and RPM on both attitude scales (Table 17), but a statistically significant gain was found in favor of TAI over Control students on both the Liking of Math scale (p <.001) and the Self-Concept scale (p <.008, Table 18).

Hypothesis three cannot be confirmed. Results in Table 19 indicate that there was no significant difference between the RPM and Control groups on the CTBS-math test and that the Control group outperformed the RPM group on the diagnostic test (p <.052).

Hypothesis four was not fully confirmed. Although RPM students gained at a statistically significant level over Control students on the Liking of Math scale (p <.001), no significant difference could be determined on the Self-Concept scale (Table 19).

On the CTBS -mathematics test, both Team-Assisted Individualization and Rapid Progress Mathematics groups gained more than the Control group, while on the diagnostic test the Team-Assisted Individualization groups gained more than Rapid Progress Mathematics groups. This can be interpreted to mean that the results of the CTBS comparisons support the effectiveness of the individualized instructional program itself, while the results of the diagnostic test support the importance of the team component as an addition to the individualized program. Because the results from the CTBS -mathematics and diagnostic tests are different, firm conclusions are difficult to draw; but the fact that the Team-Assisted Individualization classes gained the most overall on both measures supports the conclusion that the TAI treatment is effective in increasing student achievement. The unclear factor is whether this is due to the use of the team/individualized instruction combination or just to the program of individualization.

Attitude effects were more distinct than achievement effects. They clearly

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showed that Team-Assisted Individualization and Rapid Progress Mathematics treatments increased student attitudes toward mathematics and toward their own mathematical abilities more than the Control condition. Because no differences were found between TAI and RPM on attitude measures, it must be assumed that the attitude effects are due to the use of the individualized mathematics program, not specifically to the combination of this program with the team component. This is contrary to Hypothesis 2 in that it was expected that the team component would add to student attitudes. This finding, however, does correspond to impressions which resulted from classroom visits where it was observed that students very much enjoyed both the Team-Assisted Individualization and Rapid Progress Mathematics treatments.

Discussion

Overall, the results of the study support the usefulness of Team-Assisted Individualization for increasing student mathematics achievement and student attitudes toward mathematics. While there were major differences in the total sample, some differences could be determined in favor of TAI at specific grade levels (Tables 7, 8, 13 and 14).

It was hypothesized that TAI would outperform both RPM and Control groups in terms of achievement. Perhaps the treatment was too short to effect such a change, or there may have been other factors since there is no way to control the actual procedures of implementation that teachers actually use.

There is a possibility that other mathematics learning was occurring that was not measured by the tests which were used in the study. Perhaps different findings would have occurred if another standardized test had been used, since some of the items on the CTBS-math test were unrelated to the units in the TAI program. This is a possible explanation as to why little significant difference

was found on the TAI groups' CTBS-math test performance over other groups.

Further studies should be concerned about the appropriateness of the achievement measure.

In an attempt to develop some insight into the feelings of the teachers who participated in the program, a short questionnnaire was developed and administered to the TAI and RPM teachers. Team-Assisted Individualization and Rapid Progress Mathematics teachers reported very positive attitudes toward the program on the part of both TAI and RPM, but neither received a stronger preference over the other. Of the six teachers involved in each treatment, five in each indicated that they would definitely use their method next year, and one teacher in each treatment predicted that she might use the same method. Four teachers in each treatment thought that their classes learned more than in their usual program, one teacher in each treatment felt that their classes learned about the same as in their usual program and one teacher in each treatment felt that their classes learned less. Two TAI teachers and one RPM teacher felt that their method was the best they had used to teach mathematics, three in each treatment liked it better than their usual methods, one in each treatment liked it the same as their usual methods, and one RPM teacher liked RPM less than her usual methods.

A side note involves remarks from some teachers in the study. Comments included statements that certain students who seemed to have no desire to learn the basic facts did indeed learn them; that some students who were major discipline problems were no longer problems; that students who did not like mathematics and who were not performing assigned tasks won awards; that parents seemed enthused and supportive of the programs; and that both high and low achievers could work successfully in the same classroom.

In summary, there are some ambiguities in the results, but overall the study

showed that Team-Assisted Individualization, the first attempt to combine cooperative learning methods with individualization, had significantly positive effects on both achievement and attitudes. Rapid Progress Mathematics had positive effects on student attitudes, but its effects on achievement were unclear. Classroom observations and a teacher survey gave the impression that both TAI and RPM are enjoyable methods of learning and teaching mathematics.

Contribution

Use of Team-Assisted Individualization provides teachers with a mathematics program which supports the Howard County Maryland Public School System's philosophy that students should receive instruction at their own level and rate of learning with emphasis on achievement, opportunities to increase computational skills, positive attitudes and acceleration. It also provides for the diverse abilities of students who are assigned to a single classroom.

The problems related to other individualized programs such as requiring the assistance of aides or volunteers, demands on the teacher, massive "checking" responsibilities, student wasting of time on known material or moving quickly through units without clear understanding, bored students, working in isolation, no peer interaction, infrequent feedback, proceeding on work which is error laden, waiting for checking and additional assignments, frustration and discipline problems are minimized through the use of Team-Assisted Individualization. It has now been shown that TAI provides an alternative to the current elementary school mathematics program which has never before existed which addresses most of the concerns related to individualized instruction expressed in the literature, and that these issues have been resolved.

Bestor (1955) wrote that the burden that individualized instruction places on the teacher is unrealistic and that the demands are beyond the reach of most

teachers. Kepler and Randall (1977) wrote that materials in many individualized programs are not designed to provide clear directions to students, don't provide immediate feedback, create management problems for teachers and allow students to wait. Nix (1970), Osmundson (1972), Palow (1973) and Sutton (1976) agreed that the use of individualized programs overworked teachers. Schoen (1976) felt that the management problems which are part of individualized programs are detrimental to learning. The success of Team-Assisted Individualization shows that these need no longer be concerns.

This study supports the research related to cooperative team learning which shows that positive attitudinal and academic effects result from their use and that it provides teachers with an instructional strategy which allows for a successful way of meeting the diverse needs of students within the same class (Coleman, 1959; DeVries & Edwards, 1973; Slavin, 1978c, 1979; Johnson, Johnson, Johnson & Anderson, 1976; Wheeler, 1977). Additional research is supported by Team-Assisted Individualization which showed that there was an increase in the liking of mathematics and self-concept (Gottheil, 1955; Phillips, 1956; Phillips & D'Amico, 1956; DeVries & Slavin, 1976, 1978).

Limitations

Length of the study could be a contributing factor to many of the unclear results. It would be desirable to extend a similar study over a period of a school year as further described in this chapter.

For students who had been receiving instruction in a structured setting, it is possible that a period of adjustment to the independent learning component with the accompanying responsibilities delayed an immediate and total participation in the assigned treatment and that, over a longer period of time, this would have been eliminated.

It is probable that the confusing performance patterns between grade levels were partially due to differences between teachers rather than the differences in treatments. When dealing with such a small number of teachers, it is very likely that this did affect results. This is further supported by analyzing results of the teacher-attitude survey. Negative and positive teacher attitudes are known to impact upon learning. An interesting study would result if teachers were randomly selected from the total population as opposed to the random selection of schools and the utilization of the teachers who happen to be assigned therein.

The ultimate study would include the random selection of students throughout the county and the placement of these students in a particular treatment, but this is an impossibility in a public school system.

There was a general impression on the part of the researcher that the attitude of the building principal had a strong influence on the success of the program. One principal was so enthusiastic that new groups were formed and teachers were reassigned to accommodate the study. In a few others, the principal was involved on a daily basis, offered continuous support and learned details of the program. In two schools the principal had minimal participation. It might be interesting to study the effects of principal involvement on the success of an innovation such as TAI.

Many times the key to successful instruction is controlled by a teacher's management and organizational techniques rather than the knowledge of content. Limitations of individualized programs have been discussed previously in detail. Team-Assisted Individualization offers a solution to the multiple problems named, as well as provides a unique and workable management system which should make a positive impact in any classroom. Teaching ability is as diverse as the academic needs and abilities of students. TAI provides a successful alternative to the teaching

of mathematics which, hopefully, will be used as widely throughout the country as are STAD, TGT and Jigsaw.

Implications for Howard County

It would be desirable to expand this study in the project schools. There is a strong feeling on the part of the researcher that, if the program were expanded over the period of a school year, results would show more consistent improvement in all four areas tested (CTBS - math, diagnostic, Liking of Math and self-concept). The intensive use of the Team-Assisted Individualization and Rapid Progress Mathematics programs over a period of eight weeks as was done in this study should be modified so that the program is in use for 2 to 3 weeks at a time. At the end of each of these periods, instruction should be directed to such units as measurement, geometry and other units not included in the material, and toward units with more emphasis on application of skills which lend themselves to activity-oriented and/or teacher-directed lessons.

Funds should be budgeted for the purpose of purchasing one set of materials for each of the nonproject schools and accompanying teacher inservice. Volunteer teachers within each school should have the opportunity to use the program.

The elementary supervisors should receive inservice on the program as well so each can serve as a resource person who is easily accessible to teachers in their assigned areas; however, the primary responsibility should be assumed by the elementary supervisor who is responsible for the mathematics curriculum for the county.

Inservice should include both the Team-Assisted Individualization and Rapid Progress Mathematics procedures so that teachers can opt to implement the program in the manner that is most appropriate for them. If results of the one-year study provide statistically significant results in favor of either TAI or RPM, the elementary supervisors should be responsible for conveying the results to the Director of Curriculum, principals and teachers who are using the programs.

It would be desirable to monitor the progress of the project students to determine if they score higher in mathematics on the required standardized tests which are administered to students each year, as well as to whether a greater percentage of these students enter classes in higher mathematics than do control students.

A similar new study should be made at the middle school to determine if Team-Assisted Individualization will provide a successful alternative at that level.

Research on cooperative learning techniques represents an unusual event" in the history of educational research. The techniques arose out of social-psychological theory; they have been evaluated in numerous field experiments that were generally high in both internal and external validity; and they are in use in hundreds of classrooms across the country and in Israel" (Slavin, 1980b, p. 110). The addition of Team-Assisted Individualization to cooperative learning techniques in the classroom should provide another successful alternative to those which presently exist.

Additional Research

As in any program of research there is a need for further investigation of limitations, interactions and extensions of findings, some of which might include the following as related to Team-Assisted Individualization:

- What are optimum uses of TAI materials? 1.
- What effects on attitude and achievement would result if the TAI program 2. were integrated with other units and extended over the period of one school year?
- What effects does selection of the teacher have on the successful implementation 3. of the TAI program?
- Can additional units be developed and successfully incorporated into 4. the TAI program?

- 5. With what types of students is TAI most effective?
- 6. To what degree does student training for working in TAI affect the success of student achievement and attitude?
- 7. How can TAI be adapted for use with students who have special needs?

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Name		
Teacher		

Mathematics Attitude Questionnaire

How do you feel about your math class? Please tell us how you honestly feel. This is <u>not</u> a test, and no one in your school will know what you write down.

DIRECTIONS:

- 1. Read each sentence carefully.
- 2. Think about how well the sentence describes the class you are in now.
- 3. Circle one (and only one) of the four words across from the sentence.

Circle YES! if you think the statement is definitely true for you.

Circle yes if you think the statement is mostly true for you.

Circle no if you think the statement is mostly not true for you.

Circle NO! if you think the statement is definitely not true for you.

EXAMPLES:

I like spinach.

YES! yes no NO!

Circle the letter that tells how you feel about spinach.

- -- If you really love spinach, circle YES!
- -- If you kind of like it, circle yes.
- -- If you do not like it, circle no.
- -- If you hate it, circle NO!
- 2. I do not like to roller skate.

YES! yes no NO!

--If you do like to roller skate very much, you would circle NO!, because the sentence is definitely not true for you.

1.	I like this math class very much.	YES!	yes	no	NO!
2.	I am good at math in this class.	YES!	yes	no	NO!
3.	This math class is always a lot of fun.	YES!	yes	no	NO!
4.	I can do almost all the math problems	YES!	yes	no	NO!
	in this class.				
5.	This math class is sometimes boring.	YES!	yes	no	NO!
6.	I'm proud of my math work in this class.	YES!	yes	no	NO!
7.	This math class is the best part of	YES!	yes	no	NO!
	my school day.				
8.	I have trouble learning new things in math.	YES!	yes	no	NO!
9.	I look forward to math class every day.	YES!	yes	no	NO!
10.	I'm doing the best work I can do in math.	YES!	yes	no	NO!
11.	I wish I didn't have to go to this math class.	YES!	yes	no	NO!
12.	I can do math as well as anyone else in	YES!	yes	no	NO!
	this class.				
13.	I like learning math in this class.	YES!	yes	no	NO!
14.	I'm a success in math.	YES!	yes	no	NO!
15.	I like my math class this year better than	YES!	yes	no	NO!
	last year.				
16.	I worry a lot when I have to take a math	YES!	yes	no	NO!
	test.				

LIST OF UNITS BY SKILL AREA

Numeration

- N1 Numeration Tens
- N2 Numeration Hundreds
- N3 Numeration Working with Ones, Tens and Hundreds
- N4 Numeration Thousands
- N5 Numeration Greater than, Less than
- N6 Numeration Ten Thousands
- N7 Numeration Hundred Thousands
- N8 Numeration Place Value
- N9 Numeration Millions and Billions
- N10 Numeration Approximation

Addition

- AFI Understanding Addition
- Al Adding Three Numbers
- A2 Adding One Digit and Two Digits
- A3 Adding Two Digits and Two Digits
- A4 Adding Three or Four Single Digit Addends
- A5 Adding Three Digits and Three Digits
- A6 Adding One or Two Digits to Three Digits
- A7 Introduction to Addition with Renaming
- A8 Addition: Renaming with Tens and Hundreds
- A9 Renaming Twice in Addition
- All Renaming When Necessary
- All Column Addition
- A12 Adding Four or Five Digits: No Renaming
- Al3 Renaming More than Twice
- A14 Adding Money

Subtraction

- Subtracting Two or Three Digits Minus One Digit: No Renaming Subtracting Two or Three Digits Minus Two Digits: No Renaming
- S3 Renaming Tens as Ones
- S4 Renaming Tens as Ones for Subtraction
- S5 Renaming Hundreds as Tens
- S6 Renaming Hundreds as Tens for Subtraction
- S7 Renaming Twice in Subtraction
- S8 Zero in Subtraction I
- S9 Zero in Subtraction II
- S10 Renaming Thousands in Subtraction
- S11 Subtracting Money

Multiplication

- M1 Introduction to Multiplication
- M2 Multiplying Multiples of Ten by One Digit
- M3 Multiplying Two Digits by One Digit: No Renaming
- M4 Multiplying Two Digits by One Digit with Renaming
- M5 Multiplying Multiples of 100 by One Digit
- M6 Multiplying Three Digits by One Digit with Carrying
- M7 Multiplying Three Digits by One Digit: Zero in the Tens' or Ones' Place
- M8 Multiplying by Multiples of Ten: No CarryingM9 Multiplying by Multiples of Ten with Carrying
- M10 Multiplying Two Digits by Two Digits: The Long Way
- Mll Multiplying Two Digits by Two Digits: The Short Way: No Carrying
- M12 Multiplying Two Digits by Two Digits: Carrying Once
- M13 Multiplying Two Digits by Two Digits: Carrying Twice
- M14 Multiplying Three Digits by Three Digits
- M15 Multiplying with Money

Division

- D1 Introduction to Division
- D2 Labeling in Division
- D3 Two Digits ÷One Digit = Two Digits
- D4 Two Digits + One Digit = One or Two Digits
- D5 Division with a Remainder
- D6 Checking an Estimate: Too Much
- D7 Checking an Estimate: Too Little and Too Much
- D8 Two Digits + One Digit = One Digit
- D9 Two Digits + One Digit = Two Digits: With Renaming, No Remainder
- D10 Two Digits : One Digit = Two Digits: With Renaming and Remainder
- D11 Two Digits : One Digit = Two Digits: Zero in the Ones' Place
- D12 Mixed Practice: Two Digits + One Digit
- D13 Three Digits + One Digit = Three Digits
- D14 Three Digits ÷ One Digit = Two or Three Digits
- D15 Three Digits + One Digit = Three Digits: Zero in the Tens' Place
- D16 Mixed Practice: Three Digits ÷ One Digit
- D17 Four Digits ÷ One Digit = Three or Four Digits
- D18 Two or Three Digits: Multiples of Ten = One Digit: No Renaming
 D19 Three Digits: Multiples of Ten = Two Digits: Estimating with Ren
- D19 Three Digits : Multiples of Ten = Two Digits: Estimating with Renaming
 D20 Three Digits : Multiples of Ten = Two Digits: With Renaming and Remainder
- D21 Three Digits + Multiples of Ten = One or Two Digits
- D22 Three Digits ÷ Two Digits = One Digit: Learning to Estimate
- D23 Three Digits ÷ Two Digits = One Digit: Estimate Too High or Too Low
- D24 Three Digits : Two Digits = Two Digits: Learning to Estimate
- D25 Three Digits : Two Digits = Two Digits: Estimate Too High
- D26 Three Digits ÷ Two Digits = Two Digits: Estimate Too Low D27 Three Digits ÷ Two Digits = Two Digits: Mixed Practice
- D28 Four Digits ÷ Two Digits = Two or Three Digits

Common Fractions

- F1 Identifying 1/2, 1/3, 1/4, 1/5, and 1/8
- F2 Numerators Greater Than One
- F3 Fractions and Whole Numbers
- F4 Comparing Fractions I
- F5 Comparing Fractions II
- F6 Addition of Fractions I
- F7 Subtraction of Fractions I
- F8 Equivalent Fractions
- F9 Factors
- F10 Greatest Common Factor
- F11 Simplest Name
- F12 Addition of Fractions II: Simplest Name for the Sum
- F13 Subtraction of Fractions II: Simplest Name for the Difference
- F14 Mixed Numerals
- F15 Addition with Mixed Numerals: Like Denominators
- F16 Least Common Multiple
- F17 Least Common Denominator
- F18 Addition with Unlike Denominators
- F19 Subtraction with Unlike Denominators
- F20 Dividing to Find Mixed Numerals
- F21 Addition of Fractions III: Improper Fractions in the Sum
- F22 Subtraction of Fractions III: Mixed Numerals in the Difference
- F23 Multiplying Fractions I
- F24 Multiplying Fractions II: Fractions with Whole Numbers
- F25 Multiplying Fractions III: Fractions and Mixed Numerals
- F26 Multiplying Fractions IV: Mixed Numerals/Mixed Numerals and Whole Numbers
- F27 Multiplying Fractions V: Reciprocals
- F28 Dividing Fractions I: Dividing a Fraction by a Fraction
- F29 Dividing Fractions II: Fractions and Whole Numbers
- F30 Dividing Fractions III: Fractions and Mixed Numerals
- F31 Addition of Fractions IV: Mixed Numerals with Unlike Denominators
- F32 Subtraction of Fractions IV: Mixed Numerals with Unlike Denominators

Decimal Fractions

- Decl Decimal Tenths
- Dec2 Decimal Hundredths
- Dec3 Decimal Thousandths
- Dec4 Decimal: Place Value
- Dec5 Comparing Decimals
- Dec6 Adding Decimals
- Dec7 Subtracting Decimals
- Dec8 Multiplying by 10, 100, 1000
- Dec 9 Multiplying by .1, .01, .001
- Dec10 Multiplying with Decimals
- Decl1 Dividing by Tenths
- Dec12 Dividing by Hundredths
- Dec13 Dividing Whole Numbers with a Decimal Divisor
- Dec14 Writing Decimal Fractions for Common Fractions

Word Problems

W 1		Addition or Subtraction
W2	Word Problems:	
W3		Addition or Multiplication
W 4	Word Problems:	Addition, Subtraction or Multiplication
W 5	Word Problems:	Division
W6	Word Problems:	Multiplication or Division
W7		Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication or Division

Ratio and Per Cent

R1	Ratios: An Introduction
R2	Equivalent Ratios
R3	Ratios: Time, Rate and Distance
R4	Ratios and Money
P1	Introduction to Per Cent
P2	Decimals and Fractions for Per Cent
P3	Per Cents for Decimals and Fractions
P4	Using Per Cent in Multiplication: Fraction Method
P5	Using Per Cent in Multiplication: Decimal Method

Team Assisted Individualization

Math Progress Form

Date Comp.	Test Score	BLOCK 1	Date Comp.	Test Score	BLOCK 2
		N1 Numeration - Tens A Intro-Understanding Addition A1 Adding Three Numbers A2 Adding One Digit and Two Digits A3 Adding Two Digits and Two Digits A4 Adding Three or Four Single Digit Addends			N2 Numeration: Hundreds A5 Adding Three Digits and Three Digits A6 Adding One or Two Digits to Three Digits S Intro-Understanding Subtraction S1 Subtracting Two or Three Digits Minus One Digit-No Renaming S2 Subtracting Two or Three Digits Minus Two Digits - No Renaming
		BLOCK 3 N3 Numeration-Working with Ones & Hundreds A7 Introduction to Addition with Renaming A8 Addition-Renaming in Tens and Hundreds A9 Renaming Twice in Addition W1 Word Problems: Addition or Subtraction			BLOCK 4 S3 Renaming Tens as Ones as Ones S4 Renaming Tens as Ones for Subtraction S5 Renaming Hundreds as Tens S6 Renaming Hundreds as Tens For Subtraction A10 Renaming When Necessary A11 Column Addition

Date Comp.	Test Score	BLOCK 5	Date Comp.	Test Score	BLOCK 6
		S7 Renaming Twice in Subtraction S8 Zero in Subtraction I S9 Zero in Subtraction II N4 Numeration - Thousands N5 Numeration - Greater Than Less Than N6 Numeration - Ten Thousands			A12 Adding Four or Five Digits- No Renaming A13 Renaming More Than Twice A14 Adding Money S10 Renaming Thousands in Subtraction S11 Subtracting Money M1 Introduction to Multiplication
		BLOCK 7 M2 Multiplying Multiples of ten by one digit M3 Multiplying Two Digits by One Digit (No Renaming) M4 Multiplying Two Digits by One Digit with Renaming M5 Multiplying Mulitiples of 100 by One Digit M6 Multiplying Three Digits by One Digit with Carrying W2 Word Problems: Multiplication			BLOCK 8 M7 Multiplying Three Digits by One Digit: Zero in the Tens' or Ones' Place M8 Multiplying by Multiples of Ten: No Carrying M9 Multiplying by Multiples of Ten With Carrying W3 Addition or Multiplication D1 Introduction to Division D2 Labeling in Division

Date Comp.	Test Score	BLOCK 9	Date Comp.	Test Score	BLOCK 10
		M10 Multiplying Two Digits by Two Digits: The Short Way			F1 Identifying 1/2, 1/3, 1/4, 1/5 and 1/8
		M11 Multiplying Two Digits by Two Digits: The Long Way - No Carrying			F2 Numerations Greater Than One
		D3 Two Digits ÷One Digit = Two Digits			W5 Word Problems: Division
		D4 Two Digits ÷One Digit = One or Two Digits			D6 Checking an Estimate: Too Much
		D5 Division with a Remainder W4 Addition, Subtraction or Multiplication			D7 Checking an Estimate: Too Little & Too Much D8 Two Digits ÷ One Digit = One Digit N7 Hundred Thousands
		BLOCK 11 F3 Fractions and Whole Numbers F4 Comparing Fractions I F5 Comparing Fractions II M12 Multiplying Two Digits by Two Digits Carrying Once M13 Multiplying Two Digits by Two Digits Carrying Twice N8 Numeration: Place Value			BLOCK 12 N9 Millions and Billions D9 Two Digits ÷ One Digit = Two Digits with Renaming, no Remainder D10 Two Digits:One Digit = Two Digits with Renaming and Remainder F6 Addition of Fractions I F7 Subtraction of
					Fractions I

Date Comp.	Test Score	BLOCK 13	Date Comp.	Test Score	BLOCK 14
		M14 Multiplying Three Digits by Three Digits M15 Multiplying with Money F9 Factors F10 Greatest Common Factor F11 Simplest Name W6 Word Problems: Multiplication or Division BLOCK 15 W7 Word Problems: Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication or Division N10 Numeration: Approximation			D11 Two Digits ÷ One Digit = Two Digits: Zero In the Ones' Place D12 Mixed Practice - Two Digits ÷ One Digit F12 Addition of Fractions II: Simplest Name for the Sum F13 Subtraction of Fractions II: Simplest Name for the Difference F14 Mixed Numerals F15 Addition with Mixed Numerals: Like Denominators
		D13 Three Digits ÷ One Digit = Three Digits D14 Three Digits ÷ One Digit = Two or Three Digits D15 Three Digits ÷ One Digit = Three Digits Zero in the Tens' Place D16 Mixed Practice: Three Digits÷ One Digit			BLOCK 16 Dec I Decimal Tenths Dec 2 Decimal Hundredths Dec 3 Decimal Thousandths Dec 4 Decimals: Place Value D17 Four Digits:One Digit = Three or Four Digits

Date Comp.	Test Score	BLOCK 17	Date Comp.	Test Score	BLOCK 18
		Dec 5 Comparing Decimals Dec 6 Adding Decimals Dec 7 Subtracting Decimals D18 Two or Three Digits ÷ Multiples of Ten = One Digit: No Renaming D19 Three Digits ÷ Multiples of Ten = Two Digits Estimating with Renaming D20 Three Digits ÷ Multiples of Ten = Two Digits: With Renaming and Remainder D21 Three Digits ÷ Multiples of Ten = One or Two Digits			D22 Three Digits : Two Digits = One Digit: Learning to Estimate D23 Three Digits : Two Digits = One Digit: Estimate Too High or Too Low D24 Three Digits : Two Digits = Two Digits: Learning to Estimate D25 Three Digits : Two Digits: Estimate Too High D26 Three Digits : Two Digits = Two
		BLOCK 19 F16 Least Common Multiple F17 Least Common Denominator F18 Addition with Unlike Denominators F19 Subtraction with Unlike Denominators F20 Dividing to Find Mixed Numerals D28 Four Digits ÷Two Digits = Two or Three Digits			Digits: Estimate Too Low D27 Three Digits: Two Digits = Two Digits: Mixed Practice

Date Comp.	Test Score	BLOCK 20	Date Comp.	Test Score	BLOCK 21
		F21 Addition of Fractions III: Improper Fractions in the Sum			F28 Dividing Fractions I: Dividing a Fraction by a Fraction
		F22 Subtraction of Fractions III: Mixed Numerals in The Difference			F29 Dividing Fractions II: Fractions and Whole Numbers
		F23 Multiplying Fractions I			Dec8 Multiplying by 10, 100, 1000
		F24 Multiplying Fractions II: Fractions with Whole Numbers			Dec9 Multiplying by .1, .01, .001
		F25 Multiplying Fractions III: Fractions and Mixed Numerals			Dec10 Multiplying with Decimals
		F26 Multiplying Fractions IV: Mixed Numerals With Mixed Numerals and Whole Numbers			Decl1 Dividing by Tenths
		F27 Multiplying Fractions V: Reciprocals			Dec12 Dividing by Hundredths
		BLOCK 22			
		F30 Dividing Fractions III: Fractions and Mixed Numerals			
		F31 Addition of Fractions III: Fractions and Mixed Numerals			
		F32 Subtraction of Fractions IV: Mixed Numerals with Unlike Denominators			
		Dec13 Dividing Whole Numbers with a Decimal Divider Dec14 Writing Decimal Fractions for Common Fractions			

You may decide to start with any skill (addition, multiplication, and so on) you wish within a block. You must complete all of the units on that skill before moving to another skill. You must complete all of the skills within a block before starting a

Date Test Comp. Score BLOCK 23

> P1 Introduction to Per Cent

P2 Decimals and Fractions for Per Cent

P3 Per Cents for Decimals and Fractions

P4 Using Per Cent in Multiplication: Fraction Method

P5 Using Per Cent in Multiplication: Decimal Method

R1 Ratios: An Introduction

R2 Equivalent Ratios

R3 Ratios: Time, Rate and Distance

R4 Ratios and Money

Team FANTASTIC FOUR			Week Beginning MARCH 23					Ending MARCH 27			
Student		11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
ANDY	Unit	D6	D7	D8							
BAKER	Score	14	15	15							
CINDY	Unit	S7	58	59	MI						
DOREN	Score	15	13	15	14						
ELAINE	Unit	F6	F7								
FORD	Score	15	15								
GEORGE	Unit	Dec 1	Dec 2	Dec 3							
HALL	Score	13	12	15							
	Unit										
	Score										
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Individual Progress Record

Student		1	2	3	.4	5	6	7	8	9	10
AND9	Unit	06	D7	D8						1	1
BAYER	Score	14	15	15							-
MITA	Score	1-7	12	13							-
CINDY.	Unit	57	58	59	MF3						
DOREN	Score	1.5	13	15	15						
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ELAINE	Unit	FL	F7								
FORD	Score	15	15								
FORUE	Unit	Dec 1	Dec 2	Dec 3							
HALL	Score	13	12	15							
		44	44.12		44 1/1						
IRIS	Unit	M 12	M13	DFI	M14						
SONES	Score	15	14	15	13						
KIM	Unit	AII	A12	56	57	58	MFI	1112		-	-
LEWIS	Score	15	14	15	15	14	15	W3	-	-	-
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MITE	Unit	D3	DF3	D4	D5				-		-
NELSON		13	15	15	D5 15					-	-
-									-	-	-
OCTAVIA	Unit	Dec 5	Dec 6						-	-	-
POPE	Score	14	15								1
6		10							1		1
QUINN	Unit	F13	F14			D14	W7				
ROSE	Score	13	14	15	14	15	14				
CARA	11-34	A/P	59	510	MF2	-11	-				
SARA	Unit	N8	14	14	15						
TORRES	Score	15	17	17	15	14	-				
URSULA	Unit	Dec 9					-				
VANN	Score	15				-	-		-		
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WILL	Unit	D24	D25	DF6	D26				-		
XAVIER	Score	13	15	1.5	14				-		-
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YOLANDA ZACK	Unit	Fa	FID	DFI	W4				+	-	-
ZACK	Score	15	15	15	13					1	+
			-	-	-						
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	Unit				1	-	-	-			
	Score					1	-	-	-		
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Team Assisted Individualization

Facts Progress Form

Addition
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В
A + B
C
B + C
A + B + C
Subtraction
A
В
A + B
C
B + C
A + B + C
MultiplicationABA + BCB + CA + B + C
Division
A
В
A + B
C
B + C
A + B + C

81 Name Work A Addition Facts B only Date A & these Number Correct C problems B & A, B & A 7 2 7 1 6 6 4 9 +2 +2 +3 +2 +3 +3 +1 +0 +1 + 2 8 8 7 8 6 0 9 6 4 8 +2 +1 +2 +3 +3 +0 +1 +0+3 +1 5 + 0 =3 + 2 =5 + 2 = 4 + 3 = 2 + 3 = 0 + 0 =5 + 3 = 9 + 3 =1 + 2 = 8 + 2 =B 2 6 6 8 2 4 3 1 7 45 + 6 +6 +6 +4 +4 + 5 +4 +5 5 5 8 6 0 9 3 1 4 0 +4 +5 +6 +5 +4 +5 +6 +6 8 + 5 = 7 + 5 = 7 + 4 =0 + 6 =1 + 4 = 4 + 6 = 9 + 4 = 3 + 4 =9 + 6 = 2 + 5 = 2 3 2 4 7 5 7 1 9 6 + 9 +7 +7 +7 +8 +7 +8 +9 +9 2 6 4 5 8 1 9 4 5 0 + 8 +9 + 8 +7 +7 +9 + 9 +8 +7 +8 8 + 8 = ... 1 + 8 = 0 + 7 =8 + 9 =0 + 9 =7 + 9 = 6 + 8 =3 + 8 =3 + 7 =9 + 7 =

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	6 - 2	6 - 3	10 - 3	9 - 2	7 -1	12 - 3	9 -1	10 - 2	11 - 3	0 - 0	
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	9 - 5	7 - 4	13 - 6	5 - 5	4 - 4	15 - 6	10 - 5	10 - 6	10 - 4	12 - 5	
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	3 <u>x 2</u>	0 <u>x 3</u>	4 x 0	7 <u>x 3</u>	7 <u>x 2</u>	9 x 1	2 <u>x 3</u>	9 <u>x 2</u>	0 <u>x 1</u>	5 x 2
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	1 x 2	2 =	9 x	3 = 4 x 2 =			6 x	6 x 3 =		1 =
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INSTRUCTION SHEET: Adding One Digit and Two Digits

You will be able to do problems like this:

1ST Step

WHEN you add a one digit numeral to a two digit numeral FIRST add the ones place

WRITE "7" in the combens in the sun

2nd Step

· THEN add the tensiplace.

THINK

1 am adding no tens and 6 tens.

o plus 6=6

WRITE "6" in the sum here in the tens place.

THAT'S IT!

A2

Skillsheet: Adding One Digit and Two Digits

Step1: Add the ones.

12

Skillsheet: Adding One Digit and Two Digits

Step 2: Now, add the tens.

AZ <u>Skillsheet:</u> Adding One Digit and Two Digits

Step 3: Add and write the answer.

Skillsheet Answers: Adding One Digit and Two Digits

Step1: Add the ones.

A2

Skillsheet Answers: Adding One Digit and Two Digits

Step 2: Now, add the tens.

AZ

Skillsheet Answers: Adding One Digit and Two Digits

Step 3: Add and write the answer.

AZ

Checkout: Adding One Digit and Two Digits

A: Add

Chackout Answers: Adding One Digitand Two Digits

Checkout Answers A:

1.37

2. 65

3.89

4. 45

5.97

6. 79

7.17

8. 58

9.28

10.69

Checkout Answers B:

1.86

2. 58

3. 39

4. 79

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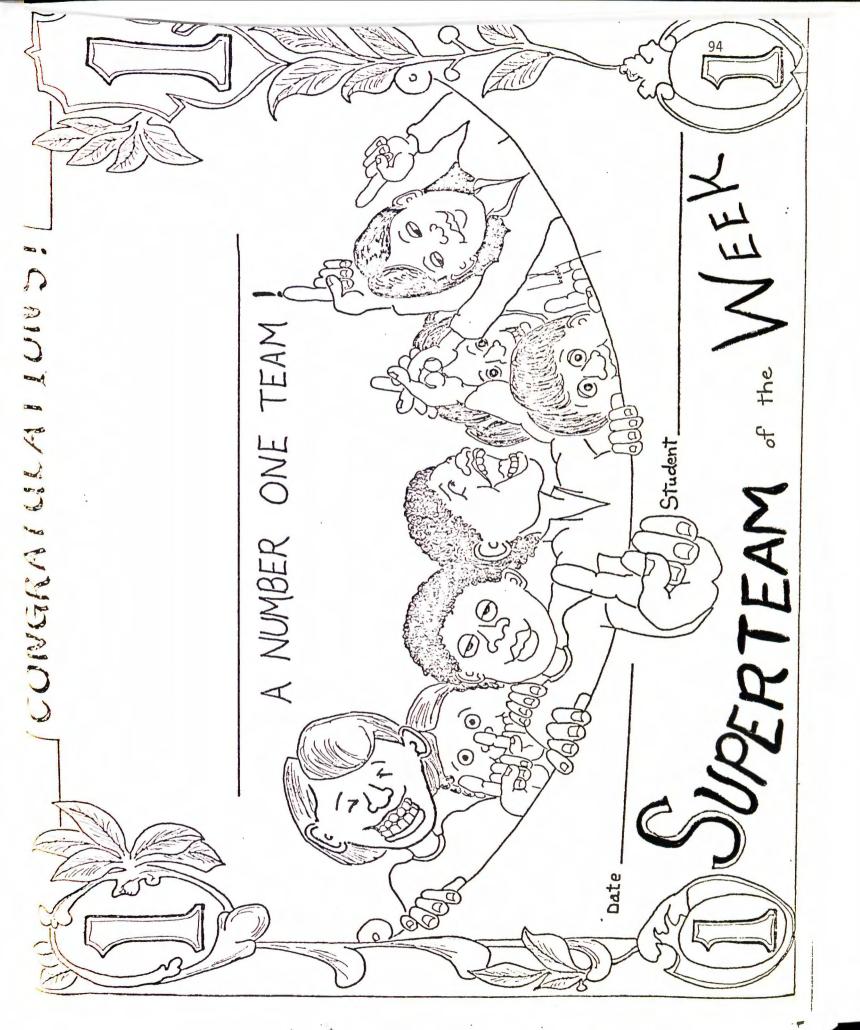
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Date____

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26.

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(D10)

6 72

35. Circle the larger fraction.

$$\frac{2}{3} \qquad \frac{2}{7}$$

36.
$$\frac{1}{6} + \frac{4}{6} =$$

37.
$$\frac{7}{8} - \frac{4}{8} =$$

38.
$$\frac{1}{3} = \frac{9}{9}$$

40.
$$3\frac{2}{3} - 1\frac{1}{3} =$$

- 42. Subtract and simplify if necessary. 48.
- (F19)

Add and simplify if (F31) necessary.

- $+2\frac{1}{14}$
- Write $\frac{9}{7}$ as a mixed numeral. 43.
- (F20)

49. Write as a decimal:

44. $\frac{3}{5} \times \frac{7}{8} =$

- (Dec1) $3 - \frac{7}{100}$
- 50. Write as a decimal: (Dec2) Multiply and simplify if necessary. 45. (F26) $7\frac{2}{3} \times 6\frac{3}{5} =$
 - $1\frac{3}{1000}$

decimal.

Circle the smaller

51.

(Dec4)

- .2 .18 46. $\frac{1}{3} \div \frac{3}{8} =$ (F28) 52. 13.7 + 6.95 =(Dec5)
- 47. Divide and simplify if necessary.
- (F29) 41.3 - 6.11 = 53. $3\frac{1}{2} \div 2 =$ (Dec6)

56. Write
$$\frac{3}{8}$$
 as a decimal fraction.

61.
$$\frac{4}{7}$$
 of fruits in a grocery bag are apples. What percent of fruits are apples?

$$\frac{3}{8} = \frac{\boxed{120}}{}$$

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