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Decision Trees

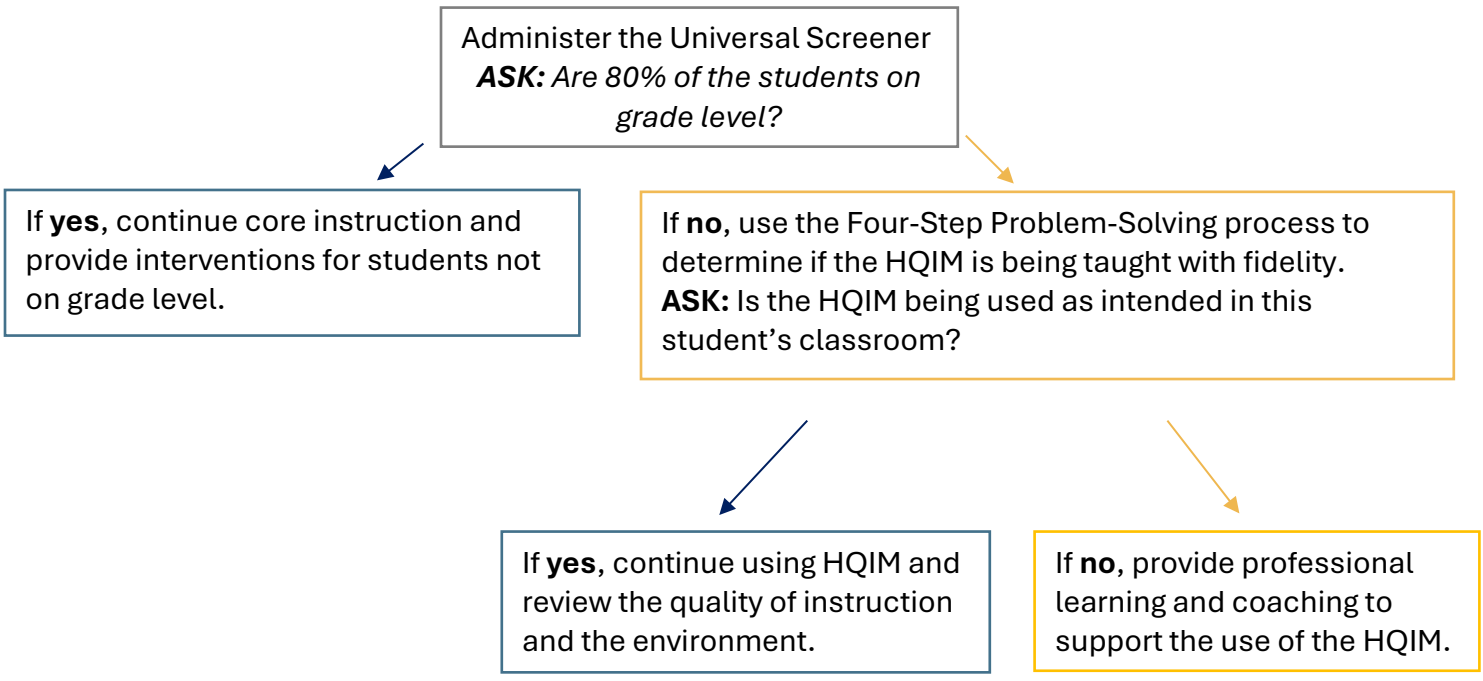
A Decision Tree is a tool to help leadership teams anticipate the multiple instructional decisions teams will encounter throughout the decision-making process. By defining if/then possibilities in advance, teams can efficiently and accurately provide appropriate support for students.

Identify Initial Data Indicators to Determine Needs

Decision Trees can support every level of your system by visualizing the problem-solving process. As a leadership team, identify the initial data source used to indicate the health of your system (universal screener, early warning system, etc.). An appropriate cut-score or benchmark should be pre-determined to indicate if students or groups of students are at risk. Teams will then use assessment outcomes to guide the next steps for students or groups of students through the problem-solving process.

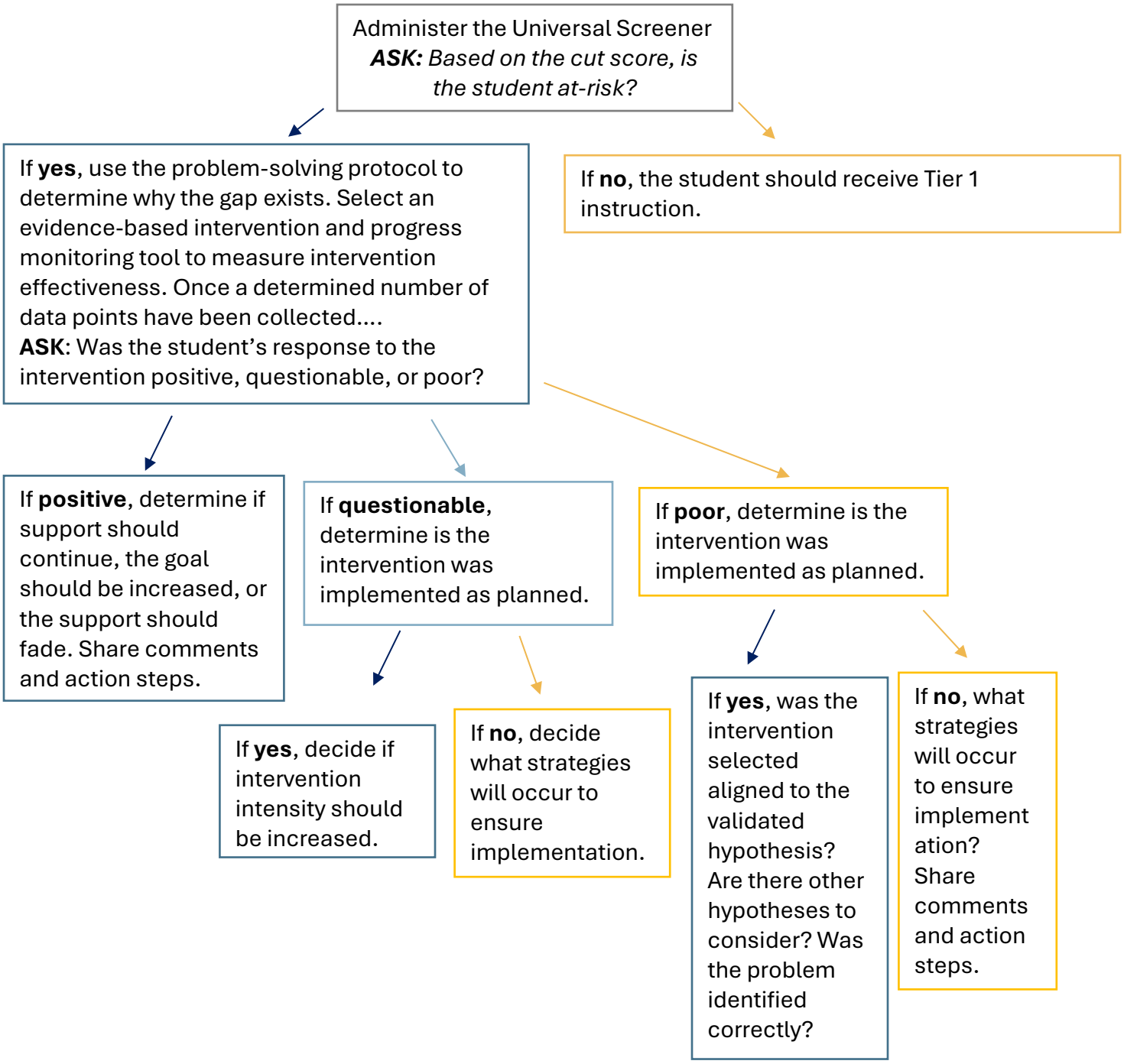
School Level Problem-Solving Decision Tree

A decision tree guides teams through a decision-making process by asking a series of questions, directing them to next steps based on their answers.



Student Level Problem-Solving Decision Tree

The decision tree below provides a visual representation of instructional decisions that occur during the Four-Step Problem-Solving Process.



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