# Finding a Home in School:

Taking a Data-Driven Approach to Addressing Chronic Absenteeism and Student Achievement

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# Agenda

- Review data and statistics
  - Attendance crisis
  - Achievement gap
  - Henderson County
- Introduction to four-square analysis
- Activity

- Using data in work with McKinney-Vento students and families
- Strategies for different quadrants
- Collaborating with other professionals
- Activity

### Chronic absence and achievement are linked

1

The latest data available from USED shows that at least 10.1 million students were chronically absent in SY 2020-2021.

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Data already available from several states for SY 2021-2022 show rates of chronic absence doubled from those prior to the pandemic. Chronic absence now affects an estimated one out of three students nationwide.

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The increase in chronic absence is happening just as there are significant declines in reading and math scores.

Long-term data from the NAEP show the largest drop in reading in decades (1990).

# Henderson County Statistics

HCPS Chronic

Absence Rates,

2022

Elem: 21%

Middle: 26%

High: 23%

**HCPS Chronic** 

Absence Rates,

2023 YTD

Elem: 19%

Middle: 22%

High: 20%

**HCPS** 

Proficiency,

Middle School

Math, 2022

CA: 32.7%

Not CA: 55.5%

**HCPS** 

Proficiency,

English II,

2022

CA: 41.9%

Not CA: 68.6%

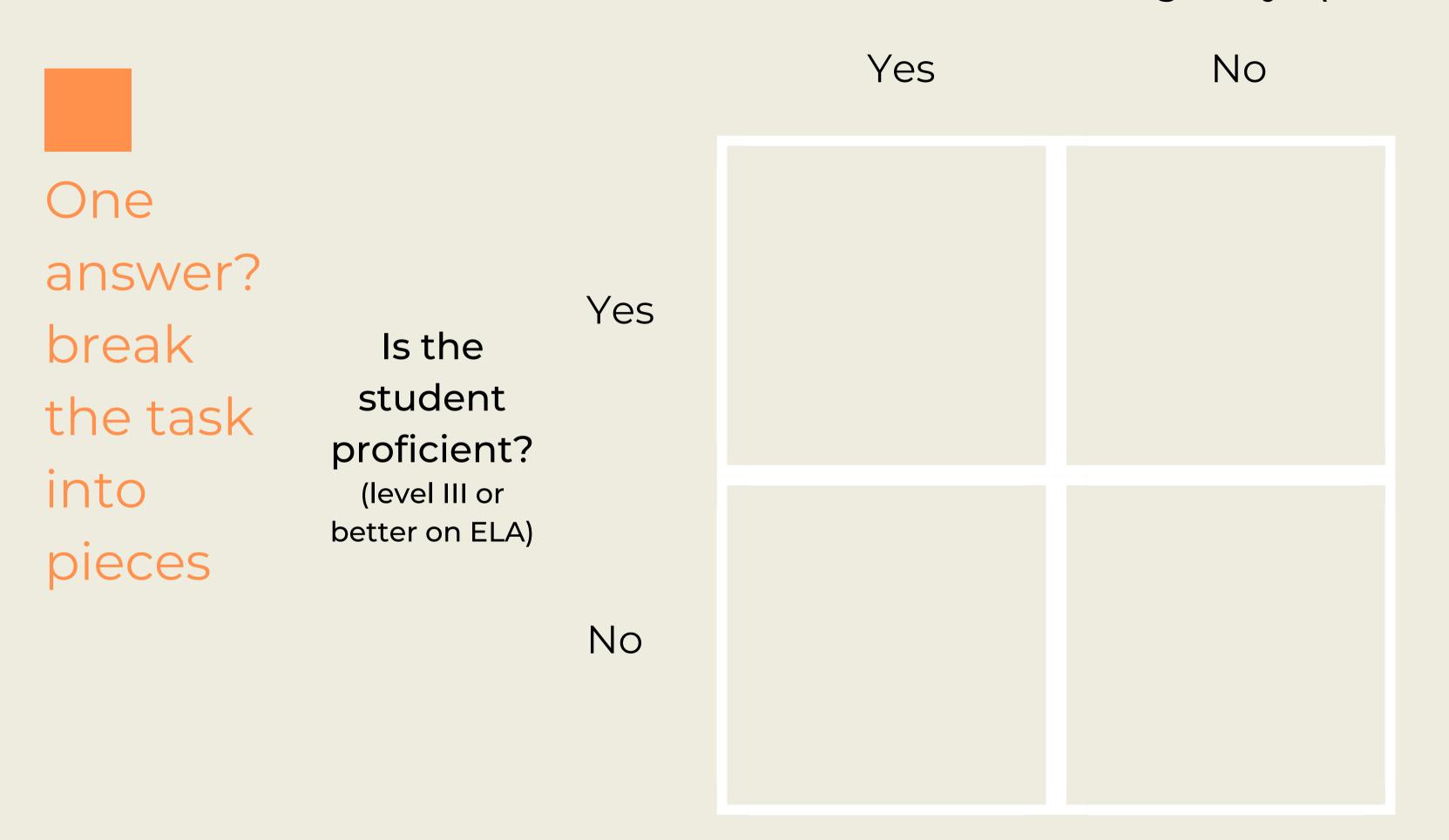
Chronic absence: students missing more than 10% of days in membership Proficiency: students scoring level III or higher on end-of-course exam

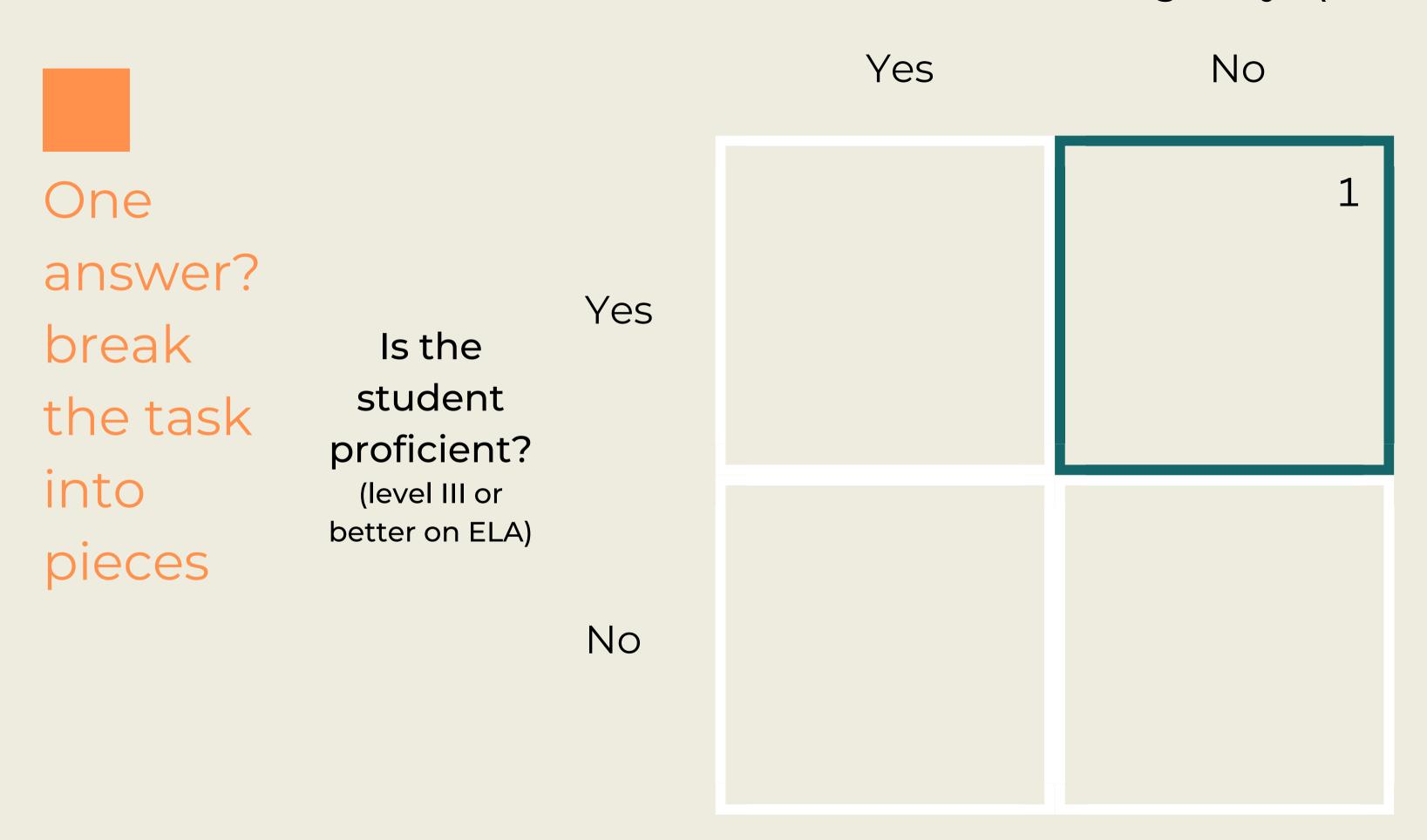


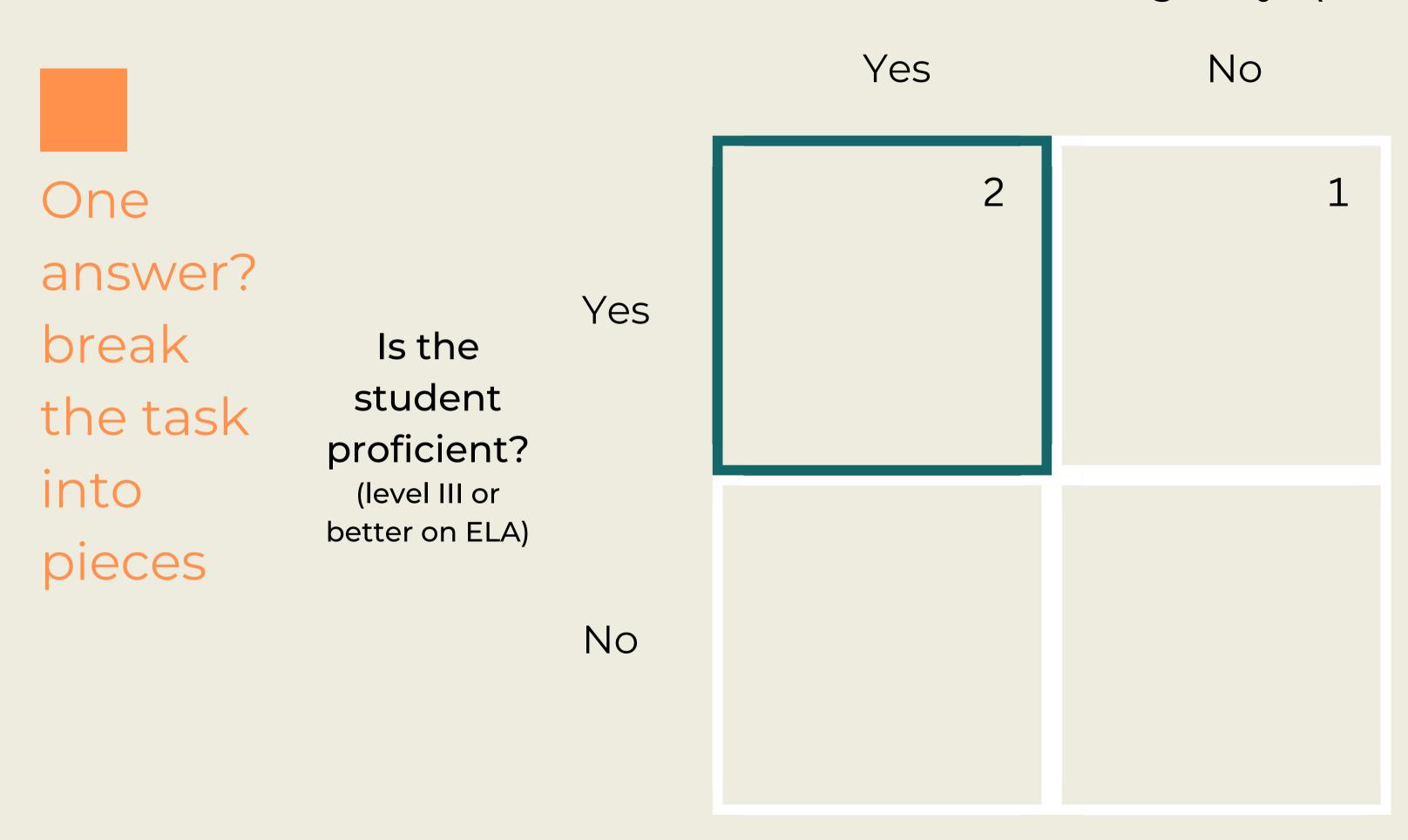
## What are teachers to do?

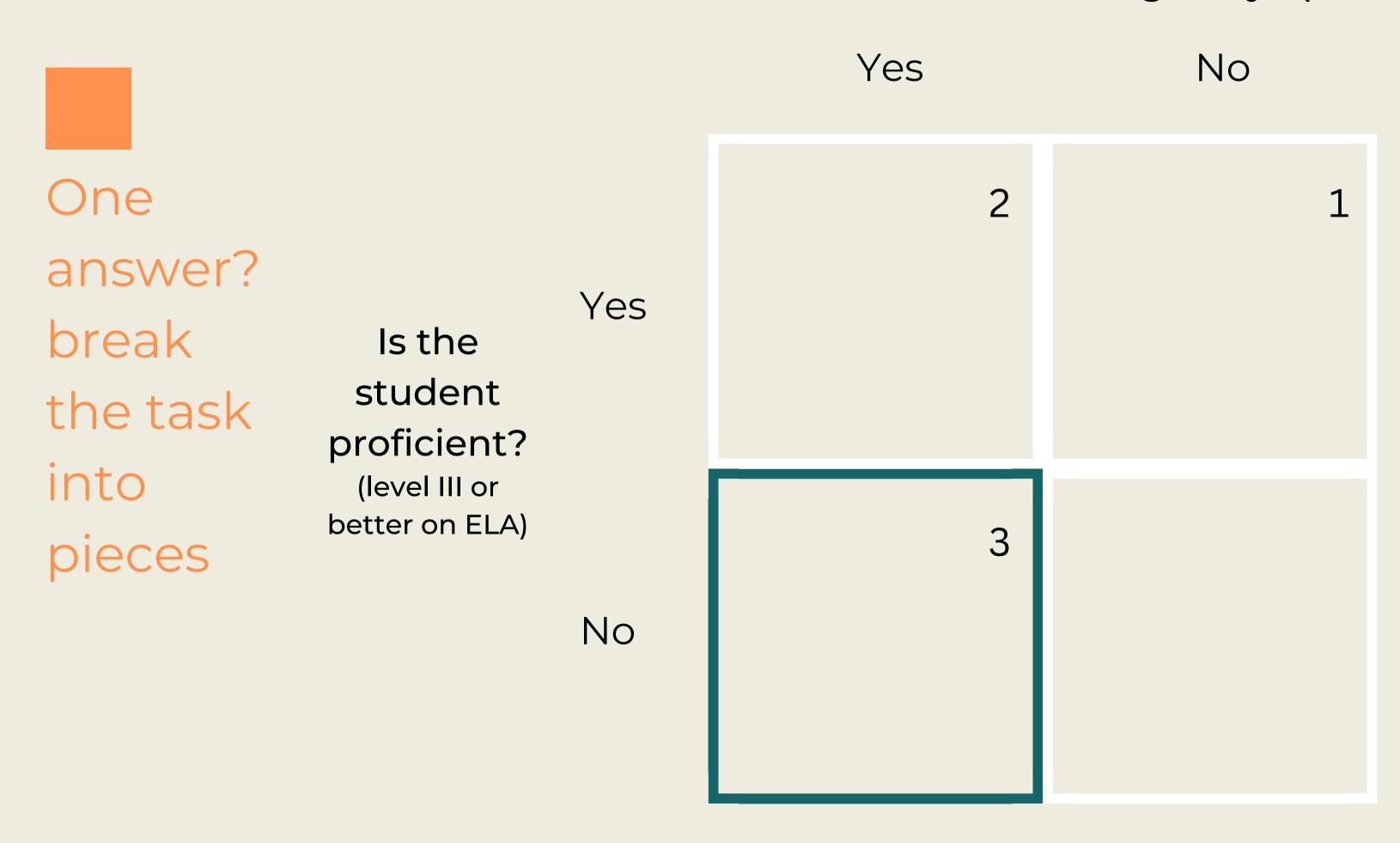
More than 6 children in each of our middle school classrooms are chronically absent. Teachers have at least three sections. There's content to teach, classroom climate to maintain, duties, extracurriculars, all of the things. And not every kid is the same.

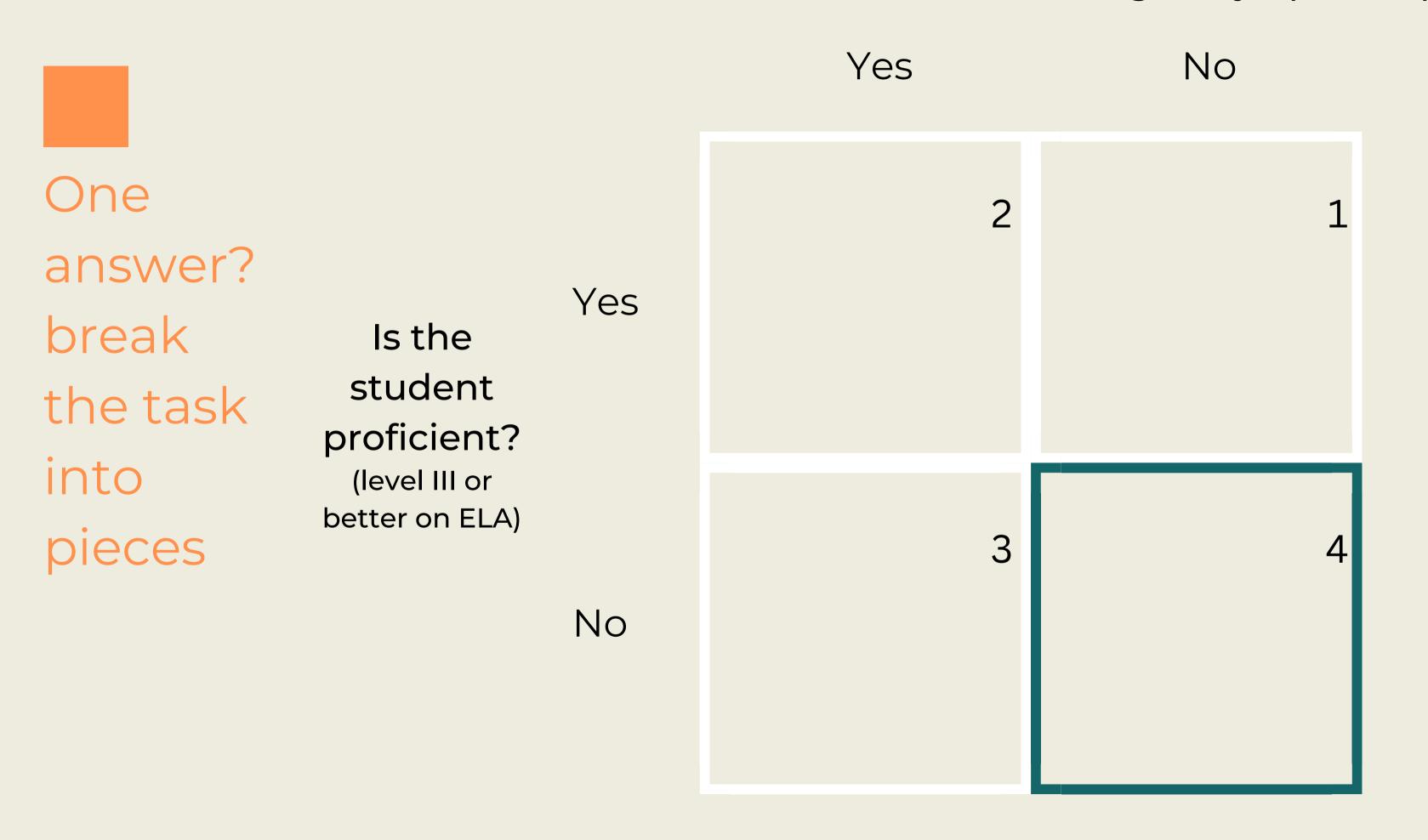












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Yes No Mr. Bertan Lane's Trevia Yes Micah Is the HR, Brianna Alexander student grade 8 proficient? (level III or better on ELA) Turn & Talk 3 • Which of these groups of students Nik, Cameron, Talia are likely to be the biggest No Ezekial, Hannah, Peter challenge for Mr. Lane? Wraly, Sebastian, Marjorie Tyla, Alli, Maddie, • In which group of students is Mr. Kaylie, Alex, Lane most likely to have students **Emma** experiencing housing instability?