

Academic Development

The units in Academic Development are designed to assist students K-12 in developing the academic skills necessary to be successful in the classroom and in life. The three major areas covered in Academic Development are:

Applying skills needed for educational achievement.

Major Points: The emphasis in this area is developing “academic self efficacy”. This includes instilling the belief that every individual can set and attain academic goals. Self-management, study and test taking skills are systematically and intentionally taught to every K-12 student. Sources of help are available for students; they are taught to recognize the need for academic assistance and where and how to get help.

Applying the skills of transitioning between educational levels.

Major Points: The learning within this area includes helping K-12 students acquire the information necessary to make smooth transitions from grade to grade and setting to setting (e.g. elementary school to middle school; school to post-secondary options). Understanding expectations of teachers and requirements of subject areas are examples of information that will help students understand the changes required by transitions.

Developing and monitoring personal educational plans.

Major Points: The Missouri School Improvement Program requires all students to have individual educational and career plans that are initiated no later than 8th grade. This area places emphasis on the knowledge, understanding and skills K-12 students need in order to develop a meaningful educational plan. Specific tasks include: learning to set goals; developing a plan to reach goals; knowing where to go for information/assistance; reviewing and modifying plans.

UNIT DESCRIPTION: What Do First Graders Look and Act Like?		SUGGESTED UNIT TIMELINE: 2 Lessons				
First graders must develop skills to transition from Kindergarten. In this unit, first graders will discuss behaviors and the counselor will write these on a “model student” drawn on chart paper or paper taped together. Then students will copy or write the behaviors on their individual activity sheets.		CLASS PERIOD (min.): 30 minutes each				
ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:						
1. How do expectations change?						
ESSENTIAL MEASURABLE LEARNING OBJECTIVES	CCSS LEARNING GOALS (Anchor Standards/Clusters)	CROSSWALK TO STANDARDS				
		GLEs/CLEs	PS	CCSS	OTHER ASCA	DOK
1. The student will name two thoughts or activities that are associated with a first grader.		AD.5.A.01: Identify increased school expectations.		RF.1.2 W.1.8 SL.1.1 SL.1.2 SL.1.3 SL.1.4 SL.1.6 L.1.1 L.1.5 L.1.6	AD A. Students will acquire the attitudes, knowledge, and skills contributing to effective learning in school and across the lifespan.	Level 2
2. The student will identify and write six activities associated with first graders.		AD.5.A.01		RF.1.2 W.1.8 SL.1.1 SL.1.2 SL.1.3 SL.1.4 SL.1.5 SL.1.6 L.1.1 L.1.5 L.1.6	AD A	Level 2

ASSESSMENT DESCRIPTIONS*:					
The student will identify activities and expectations for students in first grade and write them on an activity sheet.					
Obj. #	INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES (research-based): (Teacher Methods)				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Direct <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indirect <input type="checkbox"/> Experiential <input type="checkbox"/> Independent study <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interactive Instruction				
1 2	See Lessons: Lesson 1 Portrait of a First Grader Lesson 2 "I am a First Grader"				
Obj. #	INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES: (What Students Do)				
1 2	See Lessons: Lesson 1 Portrait of a First Grader Lesson 2 "I am a First Grader"				
	<u>Direct:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Structured Overview <input type="checkbox"/> Lecture <input type="checkbox"/> Explicit Teaching <input type="checkbox"/> Drill & Practice <input type="checkbox"/> Compare & Contrast <input type="checkbox"/> Didactic Questions <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrations <input type="checkbox"/> Guided & Shared - reading, listening, viewing, thinking	<u>Indirect:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Problem Solving <input type="checkbox"/> Case Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Reading for Meaning <input type="checkbox"/> Inquiry <input type="checkbox"/> Reflective Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Writing to Inform <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concept Formation (Ls. 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Concept Mapping <input type="checkbox"/> Concept Attainment <input type="checkbox"/> Cloze Procedure	<u>Experiential:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Field Trips <input type="checkbox"/> Narratives <input type="checkbox"/> Conducting Experiments <input type="checkbox"/> Simulations <input type="checkbox"/> Games <input type="checkbox"/> Storytelling <input type="checkbox"/> Focused Imaging <input type="checkbox"/> Field Observations <input type="checkbox"/> Role-playing <input type="checkbox"/> Model Building <input type="checkbox"/> Surveys	<u>Independent Study</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Essays <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Assisted Instruction <input type="checkbox"/> Journals <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Logs <input type="checkbox"/> Reports <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Activity Packages <input type="checkbox"/> Correspondence Lessons <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Homework <input type="checkbox"/> Research Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Assigned Questions <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Centers	<u>Interactive Instruction</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Debates <input type="checkbox"/> Role Playing <input type="checkbox"/> Panels <input type="checkbox"/> Brainstorming <input type="checkbox"/> Peer Partner Learning <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion (Ls. 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory Groups <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Think, Pair, Share (Ls. 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Cooperative Learning <input type="checkbox"/> Jigsaw <input type="checkbox"/> Problem Solving <input type="checkbox"/> Structured Controversy <input type="checkbox"/> Tutorial Groups <input type="checkbox"/> Interviewing <input type="checkbox"/> Conferencing

UNIT RESOURCES:

Common Core State Standards (CCSS), accessed May 17, 2013, from <http://www.corestandards.org/>

ASCA National Standards for Students (ASCA), accessed June 11, 2013, from
http://static.pdesas.org/content/documents/ASCA_National_Standards_for_Students.pdf