

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.

<p>UNIT DESCRIPTION: Transition into Kindergarten</p> <p>In Kindergarten, students must transition from a less structured setting to a structured learning environment. To get the students attention and introduce the lesson, the counselor will use puppets to discuss the home, pre-school, and day-care experience and distinguish school expectations from those of other settings. Students will use the activity sheets to draw pictures of the pre-Kindergarten experience and the Kindergarten experience.</p>		<p>SUGGESTED UNIT TIMELINE: 2 Lessons</p> <p>CLASS PERIOD (min.): 30 minutes each</p>				
<p>ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:</p> <p>1. How is being in kindergarten different from what you did last year? 2. How is kindergarten the same as last year?</p>						
ESSENTIAL MEASURABLE LEARNING OBJECTIVES	CCSS LEARNING GOALS (Anchor Standards/Clusters)	CROSSWALK TO STANDARDS				
		GLEs/CLÉs	PS	CCSS	OTHER ASCA	DOK
1. The student will identify at least two expectations of his/her previous environment.		AD.5.A.0K: Identify how school expectations are different from home, day-care, or pre-school.		RF.K.2 L.K.5 L.K.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 at least one way kindergarten is different than his/her previous learning experiences.		AD.5.A.0K		RF.K.2 W.K.8 SL.K.5 L.K.5 L.K.6	AD A	Level 2

ASSESSMENT DESCRIPTIONS*:					
Students will draw pictures that depict the differences between their previous learning experiences and Kindergarten.					
Obj. #	INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES (research-based): (Teacher Methods)				
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indirect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Experiential <input type="checkbox"/> Independent study <input type="checkbox"/> Interactive Instruction				
1 2	See Lessons: Lesson 1 Life Before Kindergarten Lesson 2 Life in Kindergarten				
Obj. #	INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES: (What Students Do)				
1 2	See Lessons: Lesson 1 Life Before Kindergarten Lesson 2 Life in Kindergarten				
	<u>Direct:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Structured Overview <input type="checkbox"/> Lecture <input type="checkbox"/> Explicit Teaching <input type="checkbox"/> Drill & Practice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compare & Contrast (Ls. 1) <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reflective Discussion (Ls. 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Writing to Inform <input type="checkbox"/> Concept Formation <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Role-playing (Ls. 1, 2) <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 type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory Groups <input type="checkbox"/> Think, Pair, Share <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/					

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