

Roadmaps or Recipes:

Lesson Planning for Beginning Teachers
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- Overview of Lesson Planning for New Teachers
- Learn the Basic Lesson Planning Guides
- Share Resources that can Support your Planning
- Find a Personal Framework for your Planning

Instructional Frameworks

- We plan for consistent instructional activities
 - ▶ Independent work - - seatwork
 - ▶ Checking - - as a whole class/individually
 - ▶ Discussion -- whole class
 - ▶ Question & answer -- inside/outside lessons
 - ▶ Group work -- plan and manage
 - ▶ Giving directions -- clear, simple, consistent
- We make Lesson Plans for effective instruction

What is a lesson plan?

- Dictionary: A method of proceeding
- Intentional set of procedures
- Steps or components
- Closely connected to management
- Closely connected to your teaching style
- Teacher mentally goes through the learning and plans for how students will take the same journey.
- Roadmap not a recipe.

Types of Teacher Planning

- Yearly plans - - - interviews, major holidays, seasons, events...
- Thematic units --- 5 or 6 major themes and several smaller units
- Weekly or cycles --- what is coming up for this week, six-day cycle.....
- Daily --- routine schedule plus individual lessons
- Lessons --- formal, minilessons, collaborative planning & teaching

Basics of all Lesson Plans

- What do you want the students to learn? (Goals, objectives, outcomes)
- Why do they have to learn this? (Purpose)
- How will they learn these things? (Procedure or method)
- How will you know they have learned them? (Assessment)

The Formal Lesson Plan

- General information -- subject, grade, lesson timeframe
- General Learning Outcomes (General objectives)
- Specific Learning outcomes (Specific Objectives) Students will
- Materials and resources

Formal Lesson Plan continues

■ Procedure or method

- ▶ Set -- transition, previous lessons, interest, prior knowledge
- ▶ Tell them the objectives
- ▶ Input from the teacher -- demonstration, explanation, show & tell
- ▶ Checking for understanding -- questions, student involvement
- ▶ Guided practice -- supported activity
- ▶ Closure -- summary or wrap-up
- ▶ Independent practice

■ Assessment

Other Lesson Planning Formats

- Literacy Lesson Plans
 - ▶ Set the context -- unit, goals, grade, timeframes...
 - ▶ Introducing the lesson -- prior knowledge, schema, motivation
 - ▶ Reading - various modes of reading to choose from
 - ▶ Responding - various modes of writing and representing
 - ▶ Extending the lesson -- follow-up activities, practice....

Other Lesson Planning Formats continues

- Other Faculty members have suggested methods of planning
- Student Handbook -- several sample guides

Resources for Lesson Planning

- Professional Books
- Teacher Guides
- Faculty and their methods area
- Samples
- Internet Sites

Common Problems

- Transitions
- Clarity
- Don't forget the little things:
 - ▶ Tell students what they are to learn & why
 - ▶ Outline of day or lesson
 - ▶ Avoid Digressions
 - ▶ Show & tell - use word cards, overheads, handouts
 - ▶ Lots of examples -- good visuals and props
 - ▶ Check for understanding throughout
 - ▶ Use key questions to check understanding

Remember . . .

- Main points in review (handout)
- Murphy's Law - Scouts Canada Motto -
- Roadmaps -- help us see the scope and the sequence of the journey
 - ▶ but the route we take is ultimately decided while we are on the road;
 - ▶ We take side trips; We have breakdowns along the way
 - ▶ There will be potholes along the way
 - ▶ We will be inspired to stay longer in one place
 - ▶ We will learn a better route to take next time and
 - ▶ We will learn a lot about each other along the way.