

Interdisciplinary Language Arts Instruction

18 Inservice Points

Component No. 2 008 002

General Objective

1. Train participants in the use of interdisciplinary techniques in lesson planning with an emphasis on language arts programs.

Specific Objectives

1. Developing lesson plans using a central theme or unit idea.
2. Presenting the webbing techniques as an approach to lesson planning.
3. Explain the rationale behind the use of the interdisciplinary approach connecting language arts to science, social studies, reading, health, P.E., mathematics.
4. Discussing the importance of creating memorable experiences in the classroom (brain-based education).

Activities

1. The instructor will explain what is meant by the term "interdisciplinary language arts" and will give specific ways in which the interdisciplinary approach may be utilized.
2. Working in small groups, participants will design two master plans for interdisciplinary teams to fulfill subject matter requirements while organizing around a central theme.
3. Participants will present plans to the whole group and will evaluate offerings of the other groups.
4. Participants will refer to the evaluation of existing programs and will re-evaluate the programs in light of new learning acquired during the workshop.

Evaluation

1. The plans produced by each group will be evaluated by the instructor.
2. Participants will complete a workshop evaluation form.

