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LIFE SKILLS FOR *ALL* STUDENTS: INSTRUCTION & MAKING CONNECTIONS



Setting your students up for a lifetime of success after graduation requires thinking outside the box. How can students truly learn important life skills if they aren't practicing them in real life? The real world looks a lot different outside of the classroom. Luckily, educators across the nation are coming up with new, innovative ways of incorporating real-world experiences into their curriculum.

Brooke Wendt, Job Training Coordinator & Intervention Specialist at the Medina County Career Center in Ohio, shared some innovative and exciting strategies for connecting classroom instruction to the real world during our [January Webinar Wednesday](#). Brooke also gave examples of some of the software and technology she uses so you can easily replicate her technique in your classroom!



**LEARN
STRATEGIES**

THREE KEY STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS

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KEEP IT SIMPLE

If you're struggling to find real-world experiences to connect with your life skills curriculum, try selecting ones that seem intuitive to you. Here are some ideas:

- Banking to currency identification or decimal places
- Negotiation to oral presentations or writing argumentative pieces
- Food & kitchen safety to fractions, nutrition, or chemistry
- Transportation to clock reading, speed, or map reading

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GET TECHNOLOGY INVOLVED

Technology is your best friend! Here are some platforms to use to make your curriculum more fun & engaging for the students, along with how to incorporate them:



Google Forms	Create Assessments that can automatically place student responses in an Excel spreadsheet.
Kahoot	Gamify content review for assessments (plus, the students will love the music!)
PearDeck	Make slides interactive for students. For example, they can draw a picture or respond to questions on the slide. Plus, this platform has an extension for the G-Suite!

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ADD NEW TOOLS TO YOUR TEACHING TOOLBOX

- **Invite** guest speakers from the community to speak on a topic. Think about bankers, real estate agents, landlords, or grocery clerks.
 - **Incorporate** activities that you do in real life (making a grocery list, balancing a checkbook, job interviewing, etc.)
 - **Integrate** daily questions that relate to social & emotional learning skills and self-advocacy (e.g. "Where do you want to live?" when talking about transportation, renting an apartment.)
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THE FIVE PILLARS OF THE IEP

FEATURING KAREN MAYER CUNNINGHAM,
THE SPECIAL EDUCATION BOSS

Join the discussion on...

Webinar Wednesday!

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YOU CAN BE A SPECIAL EDUCATION BOSS!

Learn how to become a special education boss at our February Webinar Wednesday! We're hosting incredible guest speaker Karen Mayer Cunningham on February 1 @ 2PM EST to talk about "The Five Pillars of the IEP."

[Click here to register.](#)

Karen has been advocating on behalf of children for over 25 years. Karen is passionate about training, educating, and empowering everyone that sits at the 504/IEP table. Over the past several years Karen has made it her personal responsibility to educate as many parents and educators as possible. Her journey as an advocate began in an effort to get needed services for her own son, but along the way, she found a calling to educate, equip, and train families to successfully navigate the special education system.



“Helping all that sit at the 504/IEP table navigate and negotiate successful student outcomes.”

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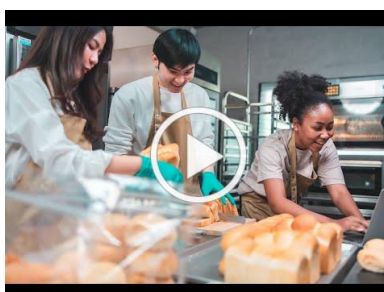


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