

Major curriculum project

Your major curriculum project is due Dec. 7. Submit it as part of assignment #7. The aim of the curriculum project is to support your instruction in January. This project will give you experience in designing instruction and it will support your teaching. If you have any questions feel free to contact me.

One idea for this project is to plan the first week of instruction for one of the classes you will be taking over in January. What are you planning to do Jan. 8, 2007? This is a good point to bring up when you discuss your student teaching with your mentor teacher.

Two important guidelines to consider as you plan for your student teaching:

- Your plans have to work for kids!! If the students are learning, you are doing it right!!
- There are many ways to Rome. You have to find your road... it has to fit with the culture of the school you are in, the style of your mentor teacher and the manner of your interaction with him or her (some mentor teachers are very comfortable giving a student teacher much independence; in other situations you will have less choice in what and how you teach), the age and performance level(s) of your students, etc. Because of all these variables there is quite some latitude in terms of your curriculum project.

The elements of the project are:

- Table of contents for the project
- Learning objectives - be very clear on these. What will the student be able to do/know at the end of the unit. I suggest you refer to Bloom's taxonomy of educational objectives
- Alignment of learning objectives with State Frameworks
- *Daily* lesson plans that roughly span a week. *They should have enough detail so if someone else were teaching your class they could do so* from the information you have provided in this unit
- Labs, demos and/or Web sources used to support instruction
- Assessment piece
- *Identify* worksheets, assessment pieces, etc. that you created and/or modified. You can do this as part of the table of contents or on the actual documents themselves.