

The LINKS Curriculum*

How Austin Public Schools uses The LINKS Curriculum to teach students functional skills during the transition years.

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Who might use the LINKS Curriculum?

- Students who use this curriculum usually have goals that include functional skills and pre-employment skills. They may not benefit from the community based program currently due to higher needs for support in areas such as activities of daily living, communication, and safety in the community.
- LINKS supports and helps to teach skills in these areas!

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Overview Of LINKS Curriculum

- Transition Level Version of STAR Curriculum
 - STAR Curriculum? What's that?
 - Curriculum to teach basic academic and social skills using principles of Applied Behavior Analysis
- LINKS Curriculum is Focused on Transition Skills and Functional Routines




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Thanks to a grant from the Minnesota Low Incidence Projects, 2 AHS teachers were trained in LINKS in January 2019.


LINKS Trainers provide onsite support as well.

So, what can students learn using the LINKS Curriculum?



Lessons


- Using a reinforcement system
- Responding to Language
- Communicating with Others
- Functional Academics
- Engaging in Diverse Activities




Functional Routines


From very basic, school based routines to more complex community based routines. Examples:

- Arriving at school
- Crossing the Street
- Filling Out a Job Application





Routine Teaching Units




Visual Resources

Visual Supports!

THANK YOU

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