

Early Childhood Education - Arrival at 10:00 AM

10:00 – 10:15 Judges Introductions & Schedule Explanation

Purpose

The contestant's ability to plan and present an activity for preschool age children that relates to a basic concept within a specific curriculum area and demonstrates general knowledge of quality child care will be evaluated.

Clothing Requirements

Official SkillsUSA white polo shirts, black dress slacks, black socks, and black shoes.

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Official SkillsUSA white polo shirts, black dress slacks or skirts, black hose or socks, and black shoes.

Eligibility

The contest is open to active SkillsUSA members enrolled in technical programs with Early Childhood (child care) as an occupational objective.

Observer Rule

There will be **NO** observers allowed.

Equipment and Materials:

The contestant will receive from the committee:

Blank lesson plan form and content area assignment.

The contestant must supply:

See last page of the list of materials you can bring. There will be no bag of goodies this year.

Video of you reading a book needs to be submitted by March 1st. You will receive a book title the week before the video is due - More information coming.

Scope of the contest

10:15 - 11:30 A.M. Writing Lesson Plan & Construction of Project/Activity

1. The lesson plan forms and bags of assorted materials will be distributed to contestants. The curriculum area and contestants' numerical order of presentation to judges will both be randomly drawn. LESSONS MUST BE APPROPRIATE FOR A HETEROGENEOUS GROUP OF PRESCHOOL CHILDREN AGES 3-5.
2. Given the assorted materials, as would be readily available in a child care or preschool facility, the contestant will first write a lesson plan and then create a "teacher-directed, hands-on"

project to teach a basic preschool concept from the selected curriculum area, utilizing only the materials supplied by the contestant

The lesson plan will be written to include:

- a. Curriculum area
- b. Objectives or purpose (skills or concepts)
- c. Description of activity
- d. Materials or supplies needed
- e. Transition plan

The curriculum areas include: FOOD & NUTRITION, LANGUAGE ARTS, MATH, MUSIC, SCIENCE, and SOCIAL STUDIES

3. THE LESSON PLANS WILL BE COLLECTED AT 10:45 AM.

4. Contestants will have until **11:30** to finish creating and perfecting their lesson format. When completed, contestants will return their unused materials and wait in a gathering area for their turns to present their lessons to the judges.

11:30 - 12:00 Lunch

12:00 - 2:00 Presentation and Questions

1. The contestants will be given a total of 10 minutes. They may start or end by performing their transition activity. They will have 5-7 minutes to demonstrate the lesson plan and project. THERE WILL BE NO ACTUAL CHILDREN IN THE ROOM, but there will be a large stuffed animal to be the "child". Contestants are expected to "pretend" they are actually teaching, in as close a manner as possible, to a preschool child and/or classroom.

PENALTY: FIVE POINTS will be deducted for 30 seconds, or fraction thereof, under 5 minutes, or for each 30 seconds, or fraction thereof, over 7 minutes. Judges will cue when the contestant is nearing the time limit.

2. Judges will have 3-5 minutes to ask questions. Questions may be related to the actual presentation or regarding general child development knowledge.

Possible follow up questions asked:

1. How could you adapt this lesson for older/younger children?
2. How is this lesson developmentally appropriate?
3. What could you do if one child began to pinch another?
4. What could you do if a child did not respond to your lesson in any way?

Contest debriefing if time allows.

List of materials to bring to the contest.

Felt tip markers

Crayons

Masking tape

Scissors

Rulers

Pens

Pencils

Scotch tape

Rubber bands

Paper fasteners (i.e., stapler paper clips, brads)

Assorted color construction paper

Various types of paper (tissue, tracing, poster board, contact)

White Glue

Glue stick

Paper towel tubes

Felt

Empty boxes

Paper plates

Craft sticks

Straws

Beads

- You can be disqualified for bringing extra items that are not on this list.