

Content and Instruction

Examples of General Subject Levels

Mathematics

Developmental/Life Skills Level

- Understanding the concept of one
- Identifying numbers
- Identifying money
- Following a schedule and sequence of events
- Counting with manipulatives

Functional Level

- Counting and beginning computation
- Telling time
- Value and use of money
- Measurement

Grade Level

- Traditional direct instruction in computation and application of math concepts at the grade level determined by math assessments

Language Arts

Developmental/Life Skills Level

- Communication of wants and needs
- Identifying common symbols
- Identifying objects with pictures
- Listening skills

Functional Level

- Identifying letters
- Identifying commonly used sight words
- Beginning reading through phonics
- Developing more sophisticated communication skills in conversation and self-expression
- Beginning reading comprehension through listening
- Beginning writing skills

Grade Level

- Instruction in reading fluency and comprehension at grade level determined

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- by assessments
- Writing
 - Literature genres of poetry, prose, fiction, and non-fiction
 - Elements of plot, character, and theme
 - Independent reading

Science

Developmental/Life Skills Level

- Dressing appropriately for the weather
- Identifying symbols related to weather and seasons
- Identification of animals and elements in the natural environment
- Identifying temperature, i.e. hot vs. cold
- Personal hygiene
- Identifying body parts
- Basic scientific experimentation

Functional Level

- Body systems, i.e. circulatory, respiratory, and digestive
- Illness symptoms
- Nutrition
- Plant and animal life; ecosystems
- Scientific experimentation

Grade Level

- Key concepts in life, physical and earth sciences
- Definition of vocabulary
- Scientific method
- Cells
- Kingdoms of life
- Physiology

Social Science

Developmental/Life Skills Level

- Working cooperatively with others
- Developing appropriate social skills
- Respecting authority and following rules

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Examples of General Subject Levels

- Art and music from other cultures

Functional Level

- Basic geography and identification of home, city, state, country, continent
- Using a map
- Identifying community, city, national, international leaders
- Biographies of role models
- Understanding the use of currency
- Roles and responsibilities of occupations in the community

Grade Level

- The Constitution, Bill of Rights
- Branches of U.S. government
- The political process
- World cultures