Big Idea/ Topic
Morning Routine with Do Now Activity

Georgia Standards of Excellence Alignment

Health Standard 5: Students will demonstrate the ability to use decision-making skills to enhance health.

Teacher Keys Effectiveness System (TKES) Alignment

Standard 5 - Assessment Strategies: The teacher systematically chooses a variety of diagnostic, formative, and summative assessment strategies and instruments that are valid and appropriate for the content and student population.

Standard 7 – Positive Learning Environment: The teacher provides a well-managed, safe, and orderly environment that is conducive to learning and encourages respect for all.

Standard 8 - Academically Challenging Environment: The teacher creates a student-centered, academic environment in which teaching and learning occur at high levels and students are self-directed learners.

Instructional Design

Define Simply
Morning routines set students up for success with well-established classroom routines. A Do Now assignment begins the class with an instructional activity to maximize the opportunity for student learning and minimize inappropriate behaviors in the classroom.

Introduce students to the morning routine by creating simple steps. A Do Now is an assignment that is already on the board when students walk into class. Having a short 3–5-minute assignment ready helps students transition into the learning environment.

It is recommended that Do Now activities are not intellectually challenging (e.g., an open-ended opinion or reflective question).
Model/Demonstrate with Examples
Model an example for students going through each step of the process. Particularly for kindergarten (but possibly Grades 1 and 2 depending on the class) the teacher will chunk the above steps and provide prompts. As an example, students come in and greet the teacher then they are prompted to hang up their backpacks and put anything they need in their desk. Once this is complete, ask them to take out a pencil and paper and provide a verbal prompt of what they should Do Now. Visual prompts and visual mini schedules could be helpful for this activity as well.

Steps:
1. Greet the teacher
2. Hang your backpack on the hook
3. Put anything you need in your desk
4. Take out a pencil and paper
5. Look at the whiteboard
6. Start the Do Now assignment
7. When you finish, read quietly

Practice in All Relevant Settings
Practice the morning routine during the day, especially in the first couple weeks of school.

Monitor & Provide Positive Feedback and Reinforcement
Monitor students' progress and offer group specific praise after the morning routine is complete. For example, “Thank you class for getting started on your Do Now assignment quickly and quietly. I look forward to hearing your answers. Who would like to share first?”

Based on Data, Adjust Instruction & Reteach
Teachers should monitor how well the class is learning the morning routine and increase practice whenever necessary.

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<td>- 80% or more of students should complete every step of the morning routine without additional prompts or reminders.</td>
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Engaging Families
- Share Do Now questions or activities with families so parents can ask their students as conversation starters at home.