

7th Grade EL Tutoring Curriculum At a Glance

CST Practice

- Follow test-taking skills to become routine:
 1. Preview title and illustrations
 2. Read questions→What is the question asking→paraphrase
 3. Eliminate answers
 4. Check answers in text
- Students asked to justify answers in writing

Philosophical Chairs

Technique that allows students to think critically, verbally ponder, and logically write their beliefs

1. Give a statement→students must determine their position regarding the statement: agree, disagree, or are unsure
2. Write 3 reasons for their position→share with peers
3. Read & annotate article related to the statement
4. Stand in classroom depending on position, and defend their position verbally using own opinions, experiences, & evidence from the article—students can move positions if others' arguments convince them to do so
5. Write their final position & give reasons why

AVID Tutorials

AVID tutorials are when students bring in questions from class work, homework, etc. that they don't understand to their group. The group members help student solve problem through questioning rather than directions.

Council

Council is a 30 to 60 minute activity where students discuss varying topics. It is a way for the teacher and students to build bonds that create a sense of community and results in promoting learning.

1. Sit in circle around unlit candles.
2. Five rules are reviewed and they are as follows:
 - a. Be spontaneous
 - b. Listen from the heart
 - c. Speak from the heart
 - d. Keep it lean
 - e. Keep it confidential
3. Make dedications as they light the candles
4. Teacher sends a greeting to be passed around the circle such as "Josue, thank you for being here," followed by a handshake and a smile.
5. *Whip-around* begins where the teacher asks a question and each student answers in one word or short phrases...all must participate.
6. *Story prompts* are when the teacher gives a story prompt to tell such as "When were you a good friend" and students volunteer to share stories as they pass around the talking piece.
7. *Witness round*—everyone repeats something memorable that someone else said