

Skillstreaming®

WHAT IS IT?	Skillstreaming is a method of teaching social skills that engages the students and makes them an active part of the learning process.
WHY USE IT?	<p>Research has shown that the ability to collaboratively work with others, appropriately handle emotions and effectively communicate has a vital impact on a person’s success in life. Research has found that explicitly teaching these skills in school improves academic achievement.</p> <p>We should not assume that our students will learn these skills on their own. If we expect them to put certain skills to use while at school, we should explicitly teach them those skills. This system provides consistency throughout the grade levels. Skills are “spiraled” as the students progress from Kindergarten through 4th grade.</p>
WHEN ARE LESSONS TAUGHT?	These lessons will be taught in the students’ homerooms on a weekly basis. After a skill has being taught, visual and verbal prompts will be used to reinforce its use.
WHAT DOES A SKILL-STREAMING LESSON LOOK LIKE?	<p>Step 1: <u>Defining the Skill</u>- Students engage in a brief discussion about the targeted skill to ensure they have a common understanding of what <i>responsibility</i> means, what <i>bullying</i> is, what <i>self-control</i> is, etc.</p> <p>Step 2: <u>Model the Skill</u>- Teachers demonstrate using the skill by acting out a hypothetical situation a student might face.</p> <p>Step 3: <u>Establish the Student Skill Need</u>- Students engage in a brief discussion about times they encounter a situation that requires putting the targeted skill to use.</p> <p>Step 4: <u>Conduct the Role Play</u>- Selected students engage in a role play where they act out situations and practice utilizing the targeted skill.</p> <p>Step 5: <u>Provide Performance Feedback</u>- The class engages in a brief discussion about how the participants successfully used the targeted skill to solve their problem.</p> <p>Repeat steps 4&5 with different students and situations.</p>