

Cyber Connection II -Teacher Edition

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Language plays an important role in communication and miscommunication among at- risk families and schools:

Registers of Language:

1. Frozen Register

Language that is always the same. For example; Lord's prayer, wedding vows, etc

2. Formal Register

The standard sentence syntax and word choice of work and school. has complete sentences and specific word choice.

3. Consultative Register

Formal register when used in conversation. Discourse pattern not quite as direct as formal register.

4. Casual Register

Language between friends and is characterized by a 400-800- word vocabulary. Word choice is general and not specific. Conversation dependent upon non-verbal assists. Sentence syntax often incomplete.

5. Intimate Register

Language between lovers or twins. Language of sexual harassment.

Research has shown that the majority of minority students and poor students do not have access to formal register at home. Ability to use formal register is a hidden rule of middle class. The use of formal register is further complicated by the fact that these students do not have the vocabulary or the knowledge of sentence structure and syntax to use formal register.

When student conversations in the casual register are observed, much of the meaning comes not from the word choices, but from the non-verbal assists. To be asked to communicate in writing without the non-verbal assists is an overwhelming and formidable task, which most of them try to avoid.

In the January newsletter we will share some of the things we can do as school and as teachers to address casual register. If you just cannot wait- check out pages 42 to 50 of Ruby Payne's book "A Framework for Understanding Poverty".

Exhibit Academies

Each month we will spotlight Cyber Connection II related events at our collaborative campuses. Feel free to send in news from your school or classroom related to technology integration and meeting the needs of our At-Risk students - the more ideas we share the more we can all benefit!

On **Friday, November 12th** at the Carl Schurz Library we will began the process of building exhibits together. We started with a group session and introduction and then rotated through three stations.



Station #1 was facilitated by Lisa Howard who will be guided us through the ALI on-line Builder - which is the interface used to up-load the exhibits. She created an awesome CD with step by step guides both in written text and in visual how-to movies made using snag-it and converting to QuickTime.

To see examples of exhibits go to:
http://ali.apple.com/ali_sites/ali/tp.php

Station #2 was facilitated by Jenn Lee, the NBISD Communications Specialists, who gave us training on Videography Techniques. Her handout and show and tell examples were wonderful and enlightening.

If you are interested and want to get started a great resource is:
http://ali.apple.com/ali_sites/ali/exhibits/1000019/

Station #3 was a self guided tutorial in either iMovie or MovieMaker. We had enough shared expertise to learn iMovie but identified MovieMaker as an area of needed guidance.

This next **Friday December 10th** we will an all day event with a focus for the morning and another for the afternoon.



The **morning** time will be spent on planning documents and guidelines for the creation of exhibits. Both a visual graphic map and a fill in block template will be provided. The morning time will be primarily focussed on team exhibit definition and will conclude with a sharing time.

Our **afternoon** time will be dedicated to videographer. Lisa Howard has prepared a lesson and handout on MovieMaker and we have collected iMovie materials as well. Jennie Lee will be available to help us with hands-on small group work learning our equipment and using micas and lights.



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Head's Up!

Wireless microphones, handheld microphones, and tripods have been delivered to campuses. These, along with the DVD cassettes that were handed out at the first Exhibit Academy and the lights and QuickTime licenses that will be coming soon, are all meant to make certain you have the tools on campus for effective videography.





NBISD News

Student Competencies:

Elementary teachers in NBISD worked on defining the Tech Apps Skills by grade levels this summer and have now been looking at the skills across grade levels. What first looked done still needed work to make it all make sense and flow. Some terrific editing and careful word smithing makes it all work together now. They met in October and in November.

Librainas have been working on the information acquisition skills and have come up with a great plan to clarify and give good examples by grade level TEKS. They will meet again in December to continue on this.

Our next focus group will be grades 6-8 who will begin meeting after the holidays to continue the flow of student competency skills from elementary grades up into the higher grades.

Other Grant News

TCEA

Have you been before? Did you register for this year? If you are going for the first time be sure to talk to a friend who has been before and get the good tips on what is worthwhile and where to park!

Remember to take notes and be prepared to share with your campus when you return.

STAR chart --Done!

Great Job everybody!!

All collaborative members did a terrific job getting participation and completion of the STaR chart on time. We hear from NBISD and NSCISD that they were both at 100% before the deadline. :-)!

CETE

"Continuing Education Technology Experiences" Remember the ongoing Connected University courses qualify for CETE time. After 40 hours of CETE time the teachers will receive a Palm Handheld. Several teachers have completed their 40 hours. If you have CETE questions - call or email us!!

School Visits

Do you want to see technology in use in other classes? Want some ideas? Want to visit with teachers using technology?

Talk to your campus Instructional Technology Specialist or contact us directly at the contact information below. Let's get together!



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