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Rise to the Challenge

with Burlington Core
and Boost Classroom Success





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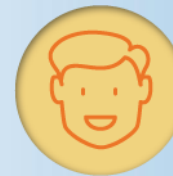
Meet
the Standards



Careers



Civics



Family
Literacy



Student
Persistence



Teacher
Persistence



Classroom
Community



Test
Preparation



Digital
Literacy



Movement



Differentiation



Integrating
Skills



Ongoing
Learning



Rise to the Challenge

and Meet the Standards by Bringing Rigor to Your Classroom

▼ **Build on Prior Knowledge**

- Use relevant visuals and relatable content to help students connect with the topic of the lesson.

▼ **Develop Critical Thinking Skills**

- Use a variety of reading texts to teach skills to identify the main idea, details, and author's purpose.
- Incorporate graphs, charts, and tables to teach students how to evaluate, interpret, and draw conclusions.

▼ **Promote Meaningful Engagement with Content**

- Foster reading, speaking, listening, and writing skills through a variety of interactive activities including role-play scenarios and group discussions.



Rise to the Challenge

and Prepare Your Students for Career Success

▼ **Explore Careers**

- Offer a curriculum that introduces students to a variety of careers.
- Incorporate career days, research projects, or field trips to interact with individuals in a variety of professions.

▼ **Search for Jobs**

- Have students create a resume and cover letters, explore online job-search sites, practice interviews, and write follow-up emails.

▼ **On-the-Job Success**

- Engage students in workplace scenarios to practice soft skills including handling criticism, customer service, and teamwork.
- Set up a school store or create a class business for students to build their language and workplace readiness skills.



Rise to the Challenge

and Prepare Your Students to Become Active Citizens

▼ Current Events

- Use mainstream media (podcasts, social media etc.) to promote classroom discussion and help students become well-informed citizens.

▼ Shared Experiences

- Invite a former student to class to share their success story about starting their new life in the U.S.

▼ Volunteer Opportunities

- Help students research local organizations in their community where they can volunteer.
- Organize volunteer project at your program (e.g., create a school garden, adopt-a-highway, peer tutors).



Rise to the Challenge **and Promote Family Literacy**

▼ **Bring Reading Home**

- Encourage students to read aloud with others (family members, friends, neighbors, or even pets!).

▼ **Create a Class Book Club**

- Read aloud as a class or in small groups, then share feedback and discuss key takeaways.
- Have students write book reviews or summaries to share with their peers.

▼ **Share Family Traditions**

- Host a "Show and Share" where students present a family tradition, recipe, or meaningful experience.
- Invite students to read or tell their favorite childhood story to the class.



Rise to the Challenge and Encourage Student Persistence

▼ Set Goals

- Create SMART goals with your students to increase motivation and set them on a path to success.

▼ Provide Feedback

- Check in regularly with students to monitor progress and ensure that they stay on track to meet their goals.

▼ Celebrate Students

- Recognize a variety of achievements including scores, new skills, participation in class, and attendance.
- Showcase achievements using certificates, announcements, an achievement wall.
- Participate in schoolwide competitions to create a sense of responsibility, as team members rely on each other's contributions.



Rise to the Challenge and Bolster Teacher Motivation

▼ Create a Support Network

- Hold monthly meetings with fellow educators to share successes, address challenges, exchange strategies, and discuss best practices.

▼ Use the Right Tools

- Utilize an easy-to-use, relevant curriculum to reduce planning time and incorporate your personal teaching style.

▼ Stay Connected with Students

- Maintain ongoing communication with students to track progress, foster a supportive environment, and build strong relationships.



Rise to the Challenge and Create a Classroom Community

▼ Have Fun

- Use fun activities and games as part of classroom learning.

▼ Team Up

- Help build connections with conversation starters, lunch bunch, classroom buddies, and getting to know students' strengths and interests.
- Promote teamwork with group projects, class discussions, and peer-learning activities.

▼ Build Routine

- Create class traditions, such as weekly check-ins or monthly celebrations.



Rise to the Challenge and Get Students Ready to Test

▼ **Teach Relevant Content**

- Bring rigor to the classroom with a standards aligned curriculum that promotes critical thinking and strengthens language skills.

▼ **Develop Test-taking Skills**

- Practice sample test questions together as a warm-up or end-of-class activity to model and teach test-taking strategies.

▼ **Reduce Anxiety**

- Have students take timed and untimed practice tests to become familiar with the format and navigation of standardized tests.



Rise to the Challenge and Address Digital Literacy

▼ Teach Online Safety

- Explore critical topics related to using technology including digital safety, social media, cyberbullying.
- Create scenarios for students to role-play and/or encourage students to share their experience with issues related to using technology safely.

▼ Integrate Technology

- Call on students to assist with navigation (e.g., use a wireless mouse) during lesson presentations and/or pass around a wireless keyboard for typing activities.
- Have students share and demonstrate how to use all the devices available in the classroom including phones, tablets, computers etc.

▼ Apply Digital Skills

- Provide opportunities for students to use the internet for research projects and to explore/locate resources in their community (e.g., City Hall, voting sites, libraries etc.).



Rise to the Challenge and Incorporate Movement into Learning

▼ Encourage Physical Responses

- Have students respond by thumbs up/thumbs down; clap once for yes/twice for no.
- Incorporate intentional stretches that also teach vocabulary, such as "reach to the right," "touch your toes," "roll your head."

▼ Utilize Learning Stations

- Set up different activities around the room for students to work independently and in small groups.

▼ Mix-up the Environment

- Switch seating arrangements (what are some fun ways to mix-up seating?).
- Have students go on a scavenger hunt around the school. Be sure to incorporate reading, writing, speaking, and listening tasks.



Rise to the Challenge and Differentiate Instruction

▼ Get to Know Your students

- Meet with students individually to set tailored learning goals.
- Pay attention when students answer or don't answer questions.

▼ Meet Your Students' Needs

- Use varied question types and adjust complexity for different learning levels.
- Offer support such as visual aids, audio or video scripts, annotation tools, or repetition.

▼ Incorporate Flexible Grouping

- Be intentional when assigning students to small group/pair activities, and rotate students on a regular basis.



Rise to the Challenge and Integrate Skills

▼ **Utilize a Comprehensive Curriculum**

- Offer meaningful instruction that integrates reading, writing, speaking, listening, and grammar.

▼ **Contextualize Learning**

- Teach content in ways that are relevant to students and connect to real-life experiences.

▼ **Apply Skills**

- Provide opportunities for students to demonstrate acquired skills through culminating activities including research projects and classroom debates.



Rise to the Challenge

and Promote Learning Beyond the Classroom

▼ **Provide the Right Tools**

- Offer content that can be easily accessed anytime, anywhere, on any device.
- Provide students with immediate feedback to promote autonomy and take control of their learning.

▼ **Read for Fun**

- Encourage students to read books, articles, or other materials related to their interests, then share what they learned (or enjoyed most) with the class.

▼ **Encourage Community Involvement**

- Have students apply skills learned in the class to everyday activities in the community, then share their experiences. (E.g., After completing a lesson about comparing prices at the grocery store, have students go to the grocery store and find a good deal.)



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