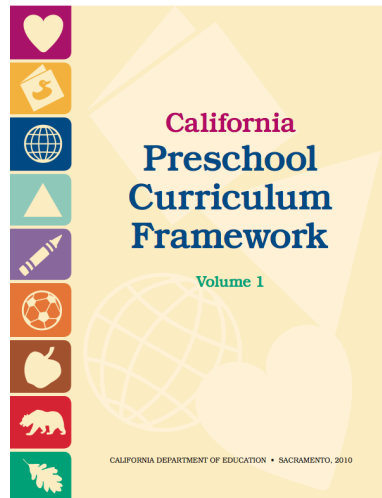


Getting to Know the Eight Overarching Principles



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Eight Overarching Principles in the *California Preschool Curriculum Framework* :

- Are derived from research on what is effective practice and what supports children's learning and development
- Have guided the development of the curriculum framework and are intended to provide children individually, culturally, and linguistically responsive learning experiences and environments. (PCF, VI, p. 5)

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Eight Overarching Principles

- Relationships are central.
- Play is a primary context for learning.
- Learning is integrated.
- Intentional teaching enhances children's learning experiences.
- Family and community partnerships create meaningful connections.
- Individualization of learning includes all children.
- Responsiveness to culture and language supports children's learning.
- Time for reflection and planning enhances teaching.

Eight Overarching Principles

- Were the key points mostly the same?
- Where were there differences?
- Did you agree or disagree with any that were different from yours?
- Would you change any of yours after seeing any that are different?
- What does this tell you about the eight overarching principles?

Eight Overarching Principles

- How are relationships made central?
- What evidence is there that play is a primary context for learning?
- What do you see that suggests that learning is integrated?
- What examples of intentional teaching have you seen?

Eight Overarching Principles

- How are meaningful connections made with families and communities?
- How are learning opportunities provided for all children as individuals?
- How is children's learning supported with responsiveness to culture and language?
- Is there time for teachers to reflect and plan?

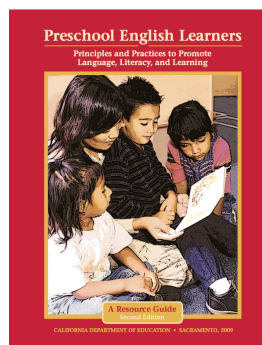
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- What was new information in this key topic?
- How did this new information surprise you?
- What was familiar?
- What additional information would you like to know that relates to this key topic?
- How could you get that information?

Review the guiding principles in the following:

- *Preschool English Learners: Principles and Practices to Promote Language, Literacy, and Learning, 2nd ed.* (CDE, 2009)



<http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/re/documents/psenglearnersed2.pdf>

Review the guiding principles in the following:

“Early Childhood Curriculum, Assessment, and Program Evaluation: Building an Effective, Accountable System in Programs for Children Birth through Age 8 .”

Position statement with expanded resources by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, 2003. (NAEYC)

<http://www.naeyc.org/positionstatements>

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Compare the principles in each of the documents:

- Where are the similarities? What do these similarities tell us about what is important in the field of early care and education?
- Where are the differences? Why might there be these differences?

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