

Intermediate Elementary Class Planning Sheet

Washington State law requires that homeschooling curriculum must include occupational education, science, math, language, social studies, history, health, reading, writing, spelling, and the development of an appreciation of art and music.

Subjects	(3rd Grade)	4th Grade	5th Grade	(6th Grade)
Reading				
Writing (spelling, English language/ grammar)				
Math				
Science				
Social Studies/ History				
Language (Foreign)				
Health/ Physical Education				
Appreciation of Art and Music				
Occupational Education				

Items to keep in mind when planning for Intermediate Elementary school years

The Intermediate School years are usually 4th through 6th grade. All students will progress in their academic, physical, social, and life skill learning at different rates and with different strengths or weaknesses.

At the beginning of the intermediate school years, students still are absorbing information. Towards the end of these years, the same students' cognitive focus moves towards analyzing the information they take in instead of just remembering it.

The basics of reading, writing (spelling) and mathematical skills are usually established by late 3rd grade early 4th grade for the majority of children. Independent reading is now both a method of practice comprehension while continuing to soak up new information. Writing and mathematics also become both applied to problem solving situations as well as continued practice for mastery.

The studies of Social Studies(History) and Science as well as Art/Music and Physical Education (Health) still share time slots in public education systems but the concepts studied are more abstract. Students should be encouraged to learn critical thinking, inquiry, creativity and problem solving skills. Any opportunities for real world project or performance based learning is valuable at these grade levels. 5th grade is usually the beginning grade level for band instrument studies.

Because a younger mind is still very pliable in language development, students in the intermediate grades have an easier time learning a second language. Auditory processing skills are very important for any foreign language study.

Physical activity continues to be very important to the student's healthy development. Health education concepts such as the importance of healthy eating patterns, regular sleep patterns and positive social relationships are all relevant concepts for intermediate students.

Occupational Education at the intermediate grade levels refers to learning skills such as typing, simple meal cooking, appropriate social skills (learning to answer the phone or the door politely). Students can take on higher responsibilities in family chores or a family pet.

This information is not a guarantee on the the part of Homeschool Connections that classes offered at Connections will be accepted by school districts for meeting their learning requirements.