

**2010 SkillsUSA Michigan CHAMPIONSHIPS
Preschool Teaching Assistant**

A good pre-school teaching assistant (care giver) must be able to develop and communicate with those around them based on materials at their disposal. Based on this assumption you are to use the materials provided and complete the tasks that are listed below:

Supplied by the technical committee:

- A large assortment of real-life materials to assist them in the execution of the lesson plan. (For example, sea shells, seeds, nuts and bolts, bells, recyclable materials, etc.)

Supplied by the contestant:

- Materials that contestants must supply are the same as listed on page 509 of the National SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards Manual. (Which includes: tools of profession).
- Resume – 1 page

CONTEST RULES

Given assorted materials, as would be readily available in a child-care facility, the contestant will develop a lesson plan and “teacher made” project to assist them in teaching a basic concept for one of the areas from a given list of curriculum areas for a mixed group of preschool children age 4. Plan is to be closely tied to “Developmentally Appropriate Practice in Early Childhood Programs Serving Children from Birth Through Age 8”, Third Edition, by Bredekemp & Copple. Please state clearly the page number and paragraph number for 2 items from the DAP book, pages 97-135.

The curriculum areas are: Food and Nutrition, Language Arts, Math, Music & Movement, Science and Social Studies.

The judge will draw a curriculum area before materials are selected and the contestant will complete a lesson plan outline after viewing the materials. Submit lesson plan after materials are prepared for presentation. The contestant will have two (2) hours to prepare the lesson plan.

The contestant will develop a written plan for a lesson that includes the following components:

- A. Curriculum Area
- B. Objective or purpose (skills or concepts)
- C. Description of activity
- D. Materials or supplies needed

The contestant will have up to 2 hours to write, plan, and prepare their project (plan outline to be provided).

The contestant will then give a 3-4 minute demonstration of the lesson plan including the use of the “teacher-made” project to a panel of judges (whom will not interact).

Note: There will be a penalty of 5 points deducted for each 30 seconds or fraction there of under 3 minutes and over 4 minutes.

Judges will not interact with contestants during lesson plan presentation.

Judges will have 1-2 minutes after contestant presentation to ask any questions related to preschool teaching of each contestant.

Contestants **WILL** present their lesson to a large stuffed bear.

Contestants will demonstrate a transition activity, using attention getting techniques, and read a book to the judges. The total length for this activity is 3-4 minutes. The contestant will chose one book and bring it to competition. Time penalties apply with a 1-minute warning. The book need not be finished. Visual aids cannot be used for book presentation.

Note: There will be a penalty of 5 points deducted for each 30 seconds or fraction there of under 3 minutes and over 4 minutes.

Clothing Requirements:

- Black dress slacks (not jeans or denim material)
- Plain short sleeve white polo or official SkillsUSA white polo
- Black shoes (closed toe and heel)
- Black socks
- **No other attire will be allowed**
- **Please cover all visible tattoos**
- **No piercing other than ears**

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Contest Time Frame:

8-10 a.m. - Contestants write and build activity

10-11 a.m. - Test

9:30 – 11:00 a.m. – Judges score lesson plans

11:00 – Begin judging contestants.

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Contestants are evaluated on their ability to plan and present appropriate activities for children between the ages of 3 and 5 relating to a specific theme and demonstrate general knowledge of quality early childhood education. Contestants are given materials readily available in a child-care facility to prepare their lesson plan and activity. Curriculum areas include food and nutrition, language arts, mathematics, music, science and social studies.

Test

Will be created by Business and Industry and will be provided at the State Competition. It will be a 25 question 100 point multiple choice test. Questions for the test will be developed from the 7 standards and competencies listed in the 2010 Preschool Teaching Assistant technical standards.

NOTE: Competitors are to introduce themselves only by Contestant Number, not by Name or School.

