

## **NYSED Office of Early Learning Video Series: A Guide for Educators Serving Children in Prekindergarten thru 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

*The NYSED values play as an instructional strategy in the early childhood classroom. The video series includes examples of purposeful, play-based instructional strategies that assist children in developing critical foundational skills. In the early grades, it is particularly important for educators to recognize and provide a balance between individual and group needs, active and quiet times, teacher-directed and child-selected activities, and English and home language development. Teachers influence what and how children learn by creating an environment that reflects developmentally, culturally, and linguistically appropriate practices and instruction. Intentional planning provides a framework for learning that is culturally and linguistically responsive, playful, interactive and interdisciplinary.*

### **Video Project Overview Trailer (6 minutes)**



Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/317575562>

### **A Look at Quality Learning Environments**

These videos are designed to support educators in creating quality learning environments for young children in Prekindergarten thru 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade classrooms. They illustrate how effective teachers can plan and implement a classroom design that supports children of all abilities and language backgrounds in their early learning stages of development.



Prekindergarten: <https://vimeo.com/310438802>



Kindergarten: <https://vimeo.com/318076773>



1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: <https://vimeo.com/339169689>

## **The Instructional Cycle: Standards, Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment**

These videos are designed to support educators in creating quality Prekindergarten thru 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade curriculum, instruction, and assessment that supports young learners of all abilities and language backgrounds and includes them as active participants in their learning. It is critical that teacher and administrators acknowledge that learning in Pre- Kindergarten to 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade is playful, interdisciplinary and connected to the standards. Strategies and effective practice will be reviewed within the context of standards, curriculum, instruction and assessment.



**Prekindergarten:** <https://vimeo.com/310600457>



**Kindergarten:** <https://vimeo.com/318065086>



**1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** <https://vimeo.com/338082024>

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