

# Unpacking Content Connectors

Fall 2020

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please introduce yourself  
in the chat box!*

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**District**



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# Agenda

- Introductions & Project SUCCESS Overview
- Content Connectors Summary
- Elements of Unpacking
- Unpacking Examples
- The Connection Between Unpacking and Lesson Planning
- Questions and Next Steps





# Objectives

## Participants will...

- Identify and locate resources related to Content Connectors and the unpacking process
- Align embedded skills and functional application across grade levels
- Unpack a high-priority Content Connector to identify access for all levels of learners

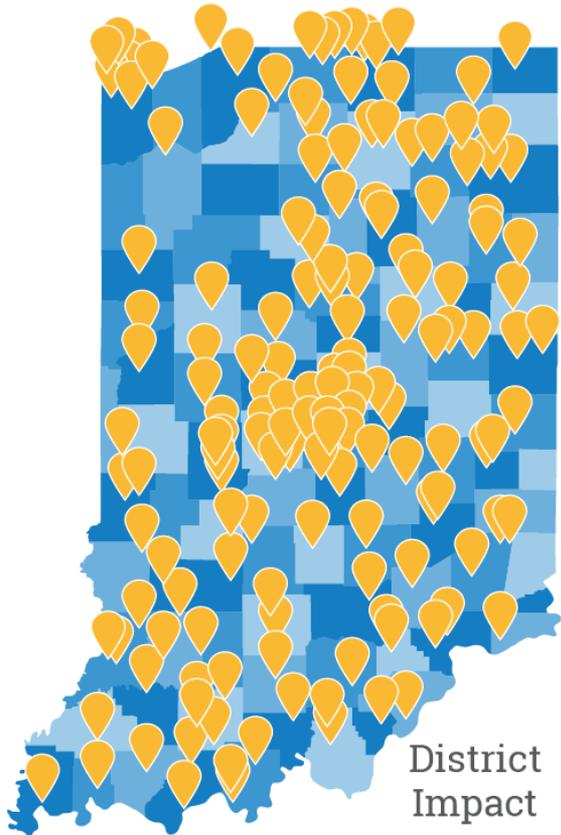




# Project SUCCESS

**Project SUCCESS** supports districts to ensure that students with significant disabilities achieve increasingly higher academic outcomes and leave high school ready for post-secondary options by providing ongoing and job-embedded professional development focused on academic instruction, communication, and employability skills.

<b>Topics Frequently Covered:</b>	 Inclusion and Equity for SWSID	 Unpacking Content Connectors	 Curriculum Mapping	 Goal Writing	 Distance Learning for SWSID
<b>Types of Support:</b>	 On-site Professional Development	 Summer Institutes	 Webinars	 State/National Conferences	 Online Tools and Resources



“As a result of partnering with Project SUCCESS, my students are achieving at a much higher level as I am providing access and exposure to grade-level content connectors and curriculum.”

**372** participants at our 2018 and 2019 Summer Institutes

**9,514** attended or viewed webinars



**34,322** views/downloads of Content Connector resources



**211** Indiana districts supported since 2014



**10** schools selected as 2020-2021 Model Sites



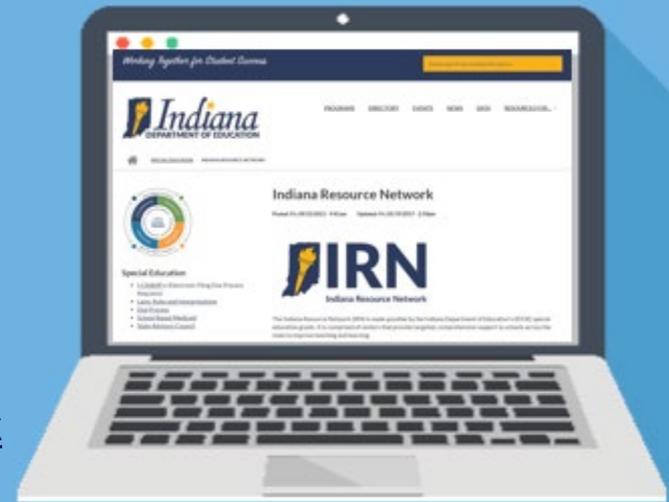
**37,485** views/downloads of curriculum and instructional resources



# Indiana Resource Network

See a full list of resource centers and descriptions of their work at

[www.doe.in.gov/specialed/indiana-resource-network](http://www.doe.in.gov/specialed/indiana-resource-network)



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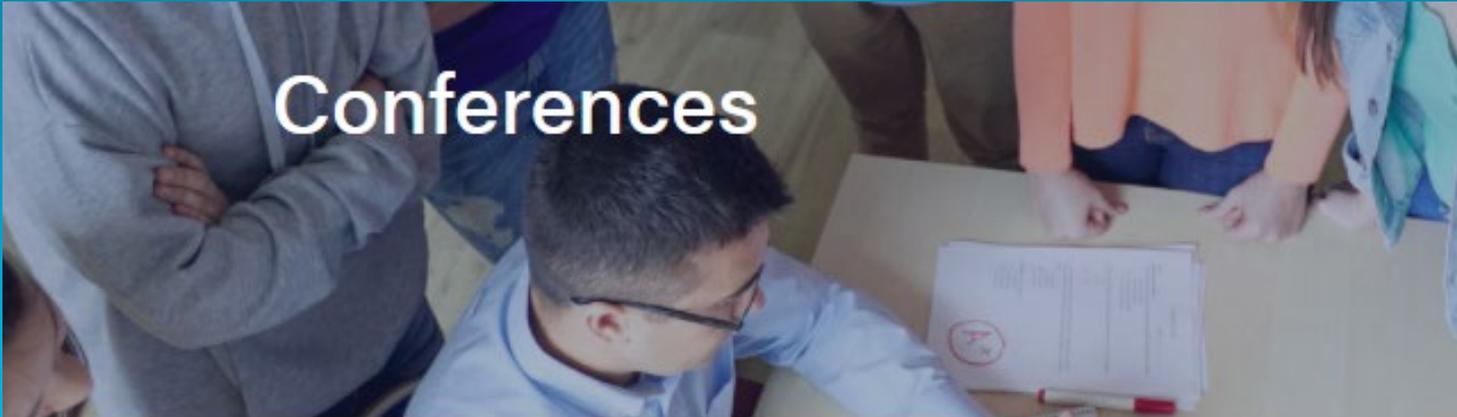


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# Conferences

## Conferences & Other Presentations



2020 Back-to-School Webinars



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## Regional Trainings

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# Content Connectors Summary

WHO: Students with **significant intellectual disabilities**

WHAT: Indiana's **alternate** academic standards

WHEN: Lesson planning, instruction, IEP goals, I AM

WHERE: Least Restrictive Environment

WHY: **Higher expectations** (ESSA & Dear Colleague letter)

HOW: Balance and Prioritize

[A Guide to Content Connectors Webinar \(recorded\)](#)

[IDOE Short Share #7: Curriculum & Content Connectors](#)



# Content Connector Resources

Content Connectors and Indiana Academic Standards, side by side: [ELA](#), [Math](#), [Science](#), [Social Studies](#)

**Vertical Alignment:** Shows progression across grade levels

**Description of Blueprint:** Identifies priority level based on assessment reporting category

## NUMBER SENSE

Indiana Academic Standards	Content Connectors
<b>MA.3.NS.1:</b> Read and write whole numbers up to 10,000. Use words, models, standard form and expanded form to represent and show equivalent forms of whole numbers up to 10,000.	<b>MA.3.NS.1.a.1:</b> Read, demonstrate, and write whole numbers up to 200, in standard and word form.
<b>MA.3.NS.2:</b> Compare two whole numbers up to 10,000 using $>$ , $=$ , and $<$ symbols.	<b>MA.3.NS.2.a.1:</b> Compare two whole numbers up to 200 using $>$ , $=$ , and $<$ symbols and words.
<b>MA.3.NS.3:</b> Understand a fraction, $1/b$ , as the quantity formed by 1 part when a whole is partitioned into $b$ equal parts; understand a fraction, $a/b$ , as the quantity formed by a parts of size $1/b$ . [In grade 3, limit denominators of fractions to 2, 3, 4, 6, 8.]	<b>MA.3.NS.3.a.1:</b> Identify the numerator of a fraction. <b>MA.3.NS.3.a.2:</b> Identify the denominator of fractions to halves, thirds, and fourths.
<b>MA.3.NS.4:</b> Represent a fraction, $1/b$ , on a number line by defining the interval from 0 to 1 as the whole, and partitioning it into $b$ equal parts. Recognize that each part has size $1/b$ and that the endpoint of the part based at 0 locates the number $1/b$ on the number line.	<b>MA.3.NS.3.a.3:</b> Identify halves, thirds, fourths of a whole. <b>MA.3.NS.4.a.1:</b> Locate given common unit fractions (i.e., $\frac{1}{2}$ , $\frac{1}{4}$ ) on a number line that has a value between 0 and 1.

## RL.2: KEY IDEAS AND TEXTUAL SUPPORT

Build comprehension and appreciation of literature by analyzing, inferring, and drawing conclusions about literary elements, themes, and central ideas.

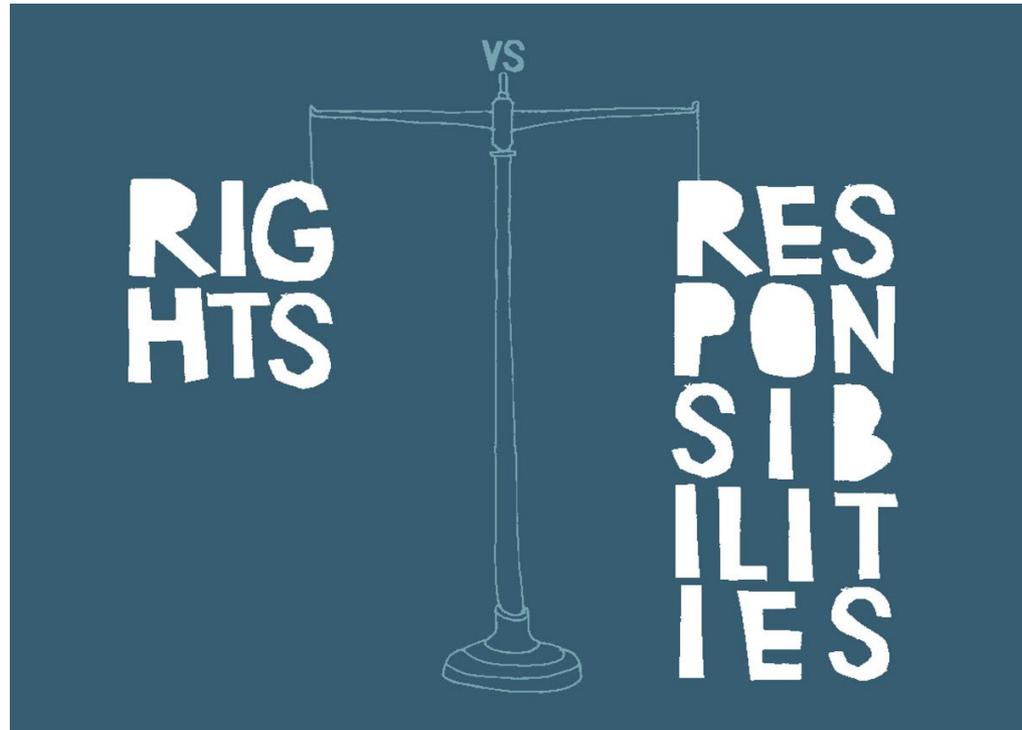
Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
<b>K.RL.2.1.a.1:</b> Find story elements (e.g., who was the story about; where did the story happen) to demonstrate understanding of character, setting, and plot in a text, with support.	<b>1.RL.2.1.a.1:</b> Choose, find, or label the story elements (e.g., who was the story about; where did the story happen) to demonstrate understanding of character, setting, and plot in a text, with support.	<b>2.RL.2.1.a.1:</b> Choose, find, or label the story elements (e.g., who was the story about; where did the story happen) to demonstrate understanding of character, setting, and plot in a text.	<b>3.RL.2.1.a.1:</b> Answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.	<b>4.RL.2.1.a.1:</b> Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly. <b>4.RL.2.1.a.2:</b> Refer to details and examples in a text when drawing basic inferences from a work of literature.	<b>5.RL.2.1.a.1:</b> Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly. <b>5.RL.2.1.a.2:</b> Refer to specific text evidence to support inferences.

## Description of I AM Blueprints Grade 7 Mathematics (Beginning 2019–20 School Year)

Reporting Category	Content Connector (CC)	Content Connector	CC Item Range	
			Min	Max
Algebra and Functions	MA.7.AF.1.a.1	Use properties of operations to produce equivalent linear expressions.	0	2
	MA.7.AF.2.a.1	Solve equations with up to two variables based on real-world problems.	1	4
	MA.7.AF.2.a.2	Use variables to represent quantities in a real-world or mathematical problem to solve linear equations.	1	2
	MA.7.AF.3.a.1	Solve inequalities with up to two variables based on real-world problems.	0	1
	MA.7.AF.3.a.2	Use variables to represent quantities in a real-world or mathematical problem to solve linear inequalities.	0	1
	MA.7.AF.3.a.3	Determine the graph of an inequality.	0	1



What are the **rights** of students with disabilities?



What are our **responsibilities** as educators of students with disabilities?





(A)ccess to general education curriculum is associated with improved academic, social and behavioral outcomes, **even for students that are most likely to be placed in exclusionary services**, such as those students typically categorized as having severe disabilities.

(Kurth, Lyon, and Shogren 2015)



# Exposure vs. Mastery

Exposure\*  
to grade level  
gen ed content

Mastery  
of skills at/near  
ability level

*\*for students with the most significant disabilities*







How familiar are you with  
the unpacking process?

What experience have  
you had with unpacking  
standards?

**On a scale of 1-5:**

**1 = not at all / none**

...

**5 = completely / tons**

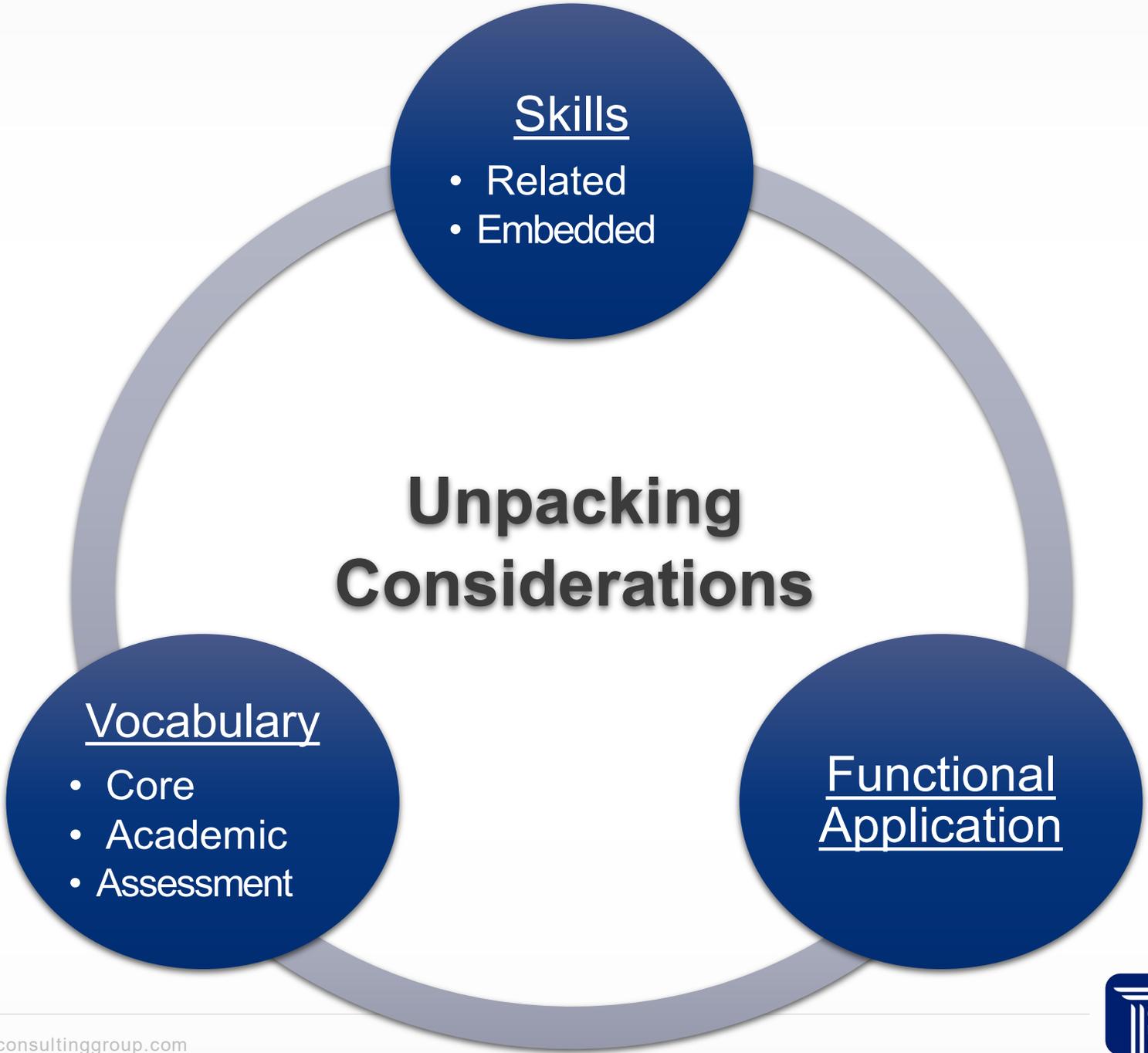


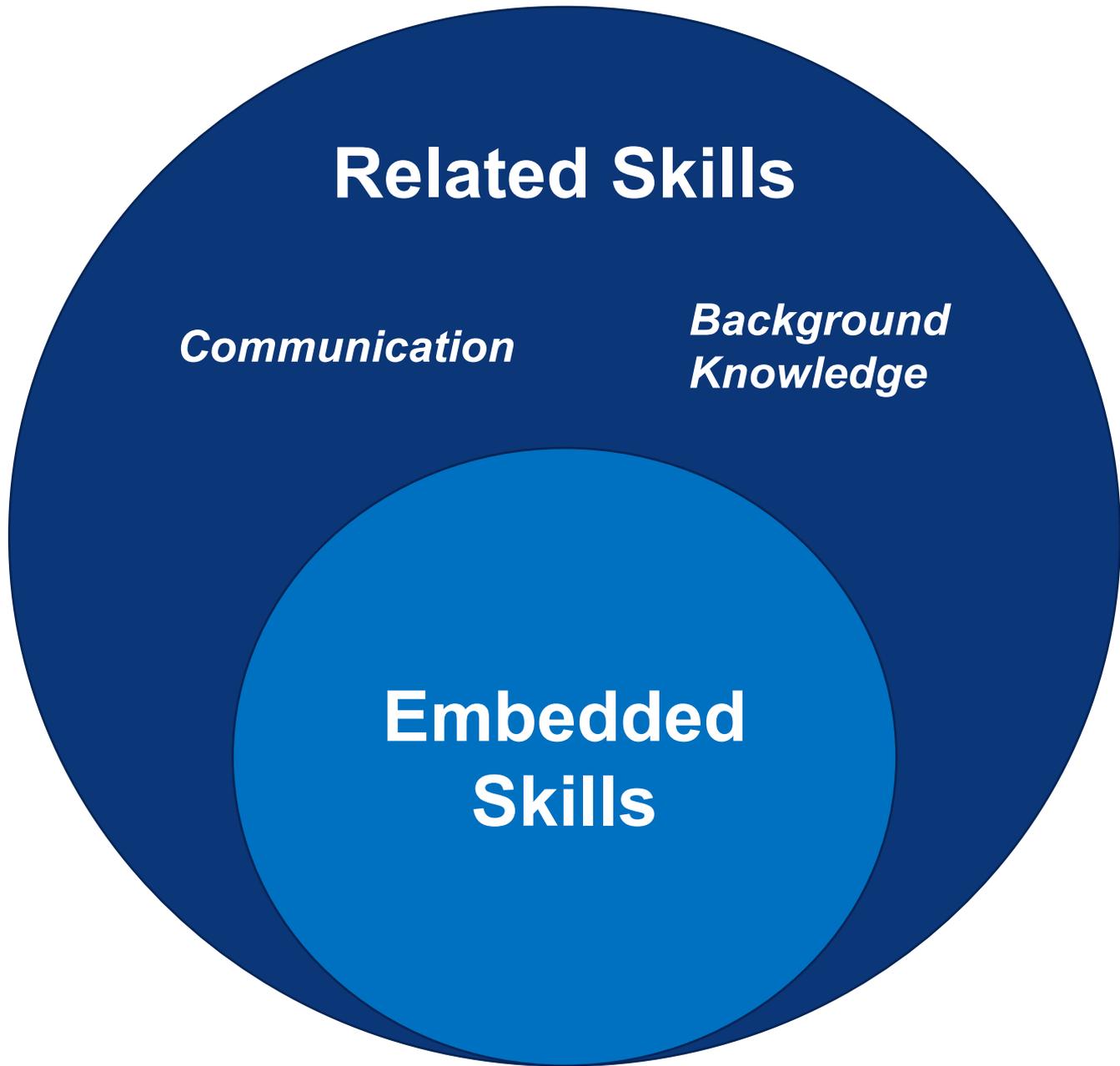
# Unpacking Content Connectors: Teacher and SLP Perspectives



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pY5QZw-b\\_HM&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pY5QZw-b_HM&feature=youtu.be) (3:39)







# Related Skills

*Communication*

*Background  
Knowledge*

**Embedded  
Skills**



# Core Vocabulary

Small set of simple words used frequently and across contexts

Includes various parts of speech (*prepositions, pronouns, adjectives, etc.*)

Not very good picture producers

Examples: I, me, know, you, go, want, more, not, have, good, on

# Fringe Vocabulary

Larger set of words used less frequently and in more specific contexts

Includes mostly proper names and nouns

Easier to label

Examples: angle, chair, umbrella, basketball, pizza, teacher, movie



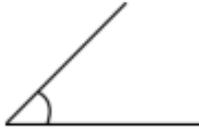
[ELA Academic Vocab](#)

[Math Academic Vocab](#)

# Academic Vocabulary

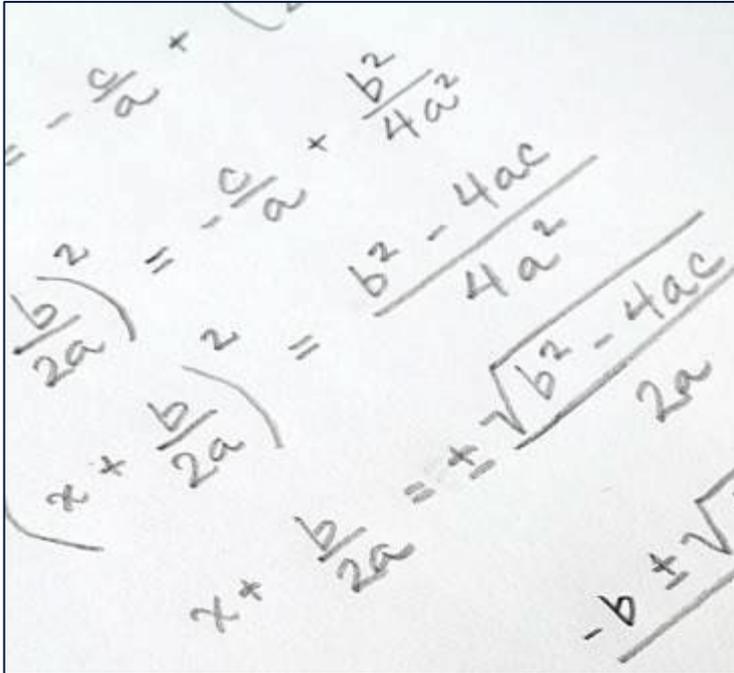
- Embed into daily lessons
- Teach students how to respond to vocabulary
- Share with others working with the student for consistent use

Word	Definition	Examples
<b>accurate</b>	An assessment word that means free of errors.	Which of the following sentences most <i>accurately</i> describe the setting of the story?
<b>after</b>	An assessment word that means following in time or place.	What happened <i>after</i> the 2 <sup>nd</sup> paragraph?
<b>all</b>	A signal word used to cue students to add a group of items.	How many pencils did the students have in <i>all</i> ?
<b>analyze</b>	An assessment word that means to study something carefully.	<i>Analyze</i> the following passage and determine its plot structure.

Word	Definition	Examples
<b>acute angle</b>	A mathematical term that refers to an angle less than 90°.	



# Functional Application



Algebra doesn't have to "look like" algebra!



## Unpacking Template

**Content Connector:**

**SKILLS: What should students be able to DO? (VERBS)**

**CONCEPTS: What should students KNOW? (NOUNS)**

**What access skills are required for every student to master this grade-level Content Connector?**

**Which access skills describe barriers for students' access to and progress toward this grade-level Content Connector? (*Varies*)**

# Unpacking: Primary Examples

## Unpacking Template

### Content Connector:

3.RL.2.3.a.1: Describe characters in a story (e.g., their traits, motivations or feelings).

### SKILLS: What should students be able to DO? (VERBS)

- Identify a character in the story (who)
- Describe a character from the story – traits, motivations, or feelings

### CONCEPTS: What should students KNOW? (NOUNS)

- WH Questions: WHO, WHY
- Traits – details
- Feelings – emotions

### What access skills are required for every student to master this grade-level Content Connector?

- Mode of communication
- Listen and attend to instruction/text
- Know difference between people and objects
- Identify relevant details
- Categorize
- Describe a character by stating the character's traits, motivations, and/or feelings

### Which access skills describe barriers for students' access to and progress toward this grade-level Content Connector? (*Varies*)

- Know difference between people and objects (Identify a character within the story)
- Identify relevant details

## Unpacking Template

### Content Connector:

4.RL.2.2.a.1: Paraphrase or retell the main events in story, myth, legend, or novel.

#### SKILLS: What should students be able to DO? (VERBS)

- \*Paraphrase
- \*Retell

#### CONCEPTS: What should students KNOW? (NOUNS)

- \*Event
- \*Story
- \*Myth
- \*Legend
- \*Novel

#### What access skills are required for every student to master this grade-level Content Connector?

- \*Mode of communication
- \*Listen/attend to text
- \*Stay in assigned area
- \*Identify correct summary of a text selection (given two choices)
- \*Differentiating between main idea and details
- \*Identify key details from text
- \*Restate key details from text

#### Which access skills describe barriers for students' access to and progress toward this Content Connector? (Varies)

# Unpacking: Secondary Example

## Unpacking Template

### Content Connector:

7.RL.2.2.a.2: Provide a detailed summary of a text.

#### SKILLS: What should students be able to DO? (VERBS)

What the Content Connector is asking students to do?

- \*Provide

More specifically:

- \*Provide a detailed summary

#### CONCEPTS: What should students KNOW? (NOUNS)

What the Content Connector is asking students to know:

- \*Detailed

- \*Summary

- \*Text

### What access skills are required for every student to master this grade-level Content Connector?

- \*Identify that the "story" and "text" are synonyms

- \*Use details to describe (colors, shapes)

- \*Sequence first, next and last, and beginning, middle and end  
detailed summary

- \* Use a graphic organizer to provide a

- \*Text Structure: Each text has a beginning, middle and end.

- \*Identify the beginning of the text, as what happens first-the introduction

- \*Identify the middle of the text, as what happens next-conflict of the story

- \*Identify the end of the text, as what happens last-the resolution/solution of the story

- \*Retell the beginning, middle or end of the story/text, using words or pictures

- \*Paraphrase the key ideas of the story/text

### Which access skills describe barriers for students' access to and progress toward this Content Connector?

*(Varies)*

Using details within a summary of the text. Details that give the readers specific facts and examples and help the reader visualize the event.

Key elements for 'readers' to look for:

- \*What did I see? What did I hear? What did I smell? What did I touch? What did I taste?

## Unpacking Template

### Content Connector:

8.RL.2.1.a.1: Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what a text says explicitly.

### SKILLS: What should students be able to DO? (VERBS)

- Cite text evidence
- Analyze and state what the text says explicitly

### CONCEPTS: What should students KNOW? (NOUNS)

- Evidence: finding details to support answers
- Explicitly: word for word
- Analysis: breaking down a complex topic into smaller parts to gain a better understanding

### What access skills are required for every student to master this grade-level Content Connector?

- Mode of communication
- Listen and attend to instruction/text
- Sequencing: breaking down the story into smaller parts, in order
- Retell: what the text says (in this case, explicitly)
- Cite text evidence: refer back to text when answering questions

### Which access skills describe barriers for students' access to and progress toward this grade-level Content Connector? (*Varies*)

- Sequencing
- Retell

## Unpacking Template

### Content Connector:

MA.8.GM.3.a.1: Recognize a rotation, reflection, or translation of a figure.

#### SKILLS: What should students be able to DO? (VERBS)

What the Content Connector is asking students to do?

\*Recognize-observe and demonstrate awareness (gesture, point, eye movement, facial expression)

More specifically:

- \*Recognize a rotation
- \*Recognize a reflection
- \*Recognize a translation

#### CONCEPTS: What should students KNOW? (NOUNS)

What the Content Connector is asking students to know:

- \*a rotation
- \*a reflection
- \*a translation
- \* a figure

#### What access skills are required for every student to master this grade-level Content Connector?

\*Understand basic shapes-circle, square, rectangle, triangle

\*Understand common shapes- hexagon, trapezoid, parallelogram, trapezoid, rhombus

\*Rotation=rotating an object

\*Reflection=flipping an object across a line. Flip a triangle about a line, it moves to a new position and appears backwards.

\*Translation=sliding a figure in any direction. Slide a shape from one position to another.

#### Which access skills describe barriers for students' access to and progress toward this Content Connector?

*(Varies)*

\*Understanding that a reflection is a type of movement, which a shape is flipped. A reflection moves a shape over the 'line of reflection' to a new position and appears backwards.

# Let's try one together!

## Step 1

### [Unpacking Note Catcher](#)

#### Unpacking Template

##### Content Connector:

5.NS.1.a.2: Compare two decimals to the hundredths place with a value of less than 1. Make relationship to money. Use symbols  $<$ ,  $>$ , and  $=$  & vocabulary. Model with coins.

##### SKILLS: What should students be able to DO? (VERBS)

- Skill

##### CONCEPTS: What should students KNOW? (NOUNS)

- Concept

# Step 1: Example

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### SKILLS: What should students be able to DO? (VERBS)

- Identify place value to the hundredths place
- Determine which decimal is bigger/smaller

### CONCEPTS: What should students KNOW? (NOUNS)

- MORE THAN and LESS THAN
- Symbols:  $<$ ,  $>$ ,  $=$ ,  $\$$

# Step 2

## Unpacking Template

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- Mode of communication
- Listen and attend to instruction/text

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### What access skills are required for every student to master the selected grade-level standard?

- Mode of communication
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- Understand MORE THAN and LESS THAN
- Identify decimal in a number
- Match decimal values to coins (0.01 to penny, 0.05 to nickel, etc.)

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### Which access skills describe barriers for students' access to and progress toward this grade-level standard? (Varies)

- Number identification
- Using symbols:  $<$ ,  $>$ ,  $=$ ,  $\$$

# Unpacking and Lesson Planning

Unpacking Content Connectors [Template](#)

Lesson Plan Quick Guide Template [\(PDF\)](#) [\(Word\)](#)

Lesson Plan Quick Guide Template (with links) [\(PDF\)](#) [\(Word\)](#)

Lesson Plan Template with Distance Learning Considerations [\(PDF\)](#) [\(Word\)](#)

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Indiana Standard(s):		
CCC(s):		
Academic Vocabulary:	Key Core Vocabulary:	
Learning Objective:		
Concrete Understandings Students will know... Students will be able to do...		Critical Prior Knowledge:
Considerations Tier1:	Considerations Tier2:	Considerations Tier3:
Manipulatives & Visuals:		Resources/Materials:

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### Which access skills describe barriers for students' access to the content? (Varies)

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**Considerations Tier3:**

**Manipulatives & Visuals:**

**Resources/Materials:**

# Where We've Been



- Unpacking is all about increasing access!
- Consider skills, vocabulary, and functional application
- Unpack standards to tailor lessons to student need.

# Where We're Going



## Upcoming Opportunities

**9/23/20** Inclusive Mindset:  
Sharing the Message

**11/4/20** Best Practices for  
Inclusive Instruction

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