

Fundamental Life Skills Curriculum Elementary School

Introduction and Information

Background:

The Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Fundamental Life Skills (FLS) Curriculum was developed to provide a scope and sequence of indicators and competencies for students who are pursuing alternate learning outcomes. These students meet the participation criteria for the Alternate Maryland School Assessment (Alt-MSA). The curriculum is centered on fourteen Instructional Frameworks which have been aligned to the Maryland Content Standards and incorporate functional academics in the context of the following learning domains: communications/decision-making/interpersonal skills, community skills, career/vocational skills, recreation/leisure skills, and personal management.

The FLS Curriculum

- Provides access to the general education curriculum;
- Promotes inclusive opportunities for students with disabilities who receive instruction in general education classrooms; and
- Facilitates the direct teaching of ALT-MSA outcomes through modified general education content and functional learning experiences.

The FLS Curriculum is not intended to be used as a prescribed curriculum for any one specific group of students, but rather to serve as a guide for instructional decision-making on an individual student basis.



Helpful Websites for Parents

Resources for you to use to gain assistance in working with your child at home!

The American Association on Mental Retardation

www.aamr.org

The Council for Exceptional Children

www.cec.sped.org

Center for Applied Special Technology (CAST)

www.cast.org

Adult agency newsletter "The Link":

www.roiworks.org

Montgomery County PTA (MCCPTA) calendar of meetings:

www.us.net./mccpta

Information center for Children and Youth with Disabilities:

www.nichcy.org

The ARC of the United States with links to Maryland and Montgomery County:

www.thearc.com

National Transition Alliance for Youth with Disabilities

www.dssc.org

The Pacer Center

www.pacer.org

The Parents Place of Maryland

www.ppmmd.org

This is a parent's guide:

<http://www.disabilityrights.org/glossary.htm>

This has information regarding assistive technology for parents, teachers, and students. It includes a student guide to choosing assistive technology:

<http://wati.org>

**All of the information provided for you here comes from the Teacher's Guide to the FLS Curriculum, set up and developed by MCPS representatives of the 2005 FLS Team.