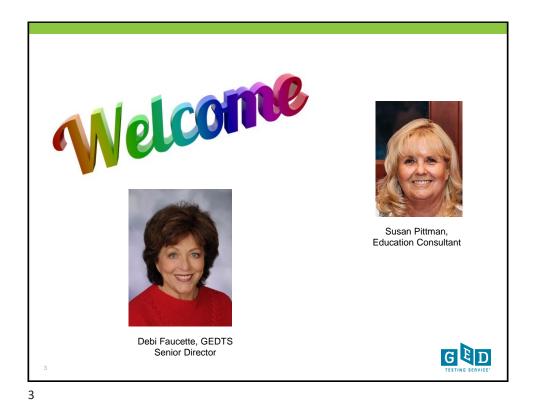
Welcome to the GED® Tuesdays for Teachers Webinar

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In this session, we will...

- Provide an update on GED testing (center-based and online proctored)
- Conduct a survey to identify the types of instructional resources currently in use
- Explore ways to connect with students and keep them engaged in remote instruction
- Explore how Social-Emotional Learning can be used to address student retention and motivation
- Explore new online resources and apps for the classroom and students
- Survey participants to identify professional learning needs for upcoming TfT sessions
- Remind participants of the resources available at GED.com

























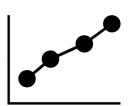






OP Pilot Update

- More than 11,500 learners have credentialed through O.P.
- More than 50,000 O.P. subject tests have been delivered
- January weekday appointment averaging ~825
- Daily high of 956 tests on Jan. 7
- Approximately 30% of national testing volume



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Two Types of GED® Testing

Center-Based Testing (CBT)*

- Pearson VUE-approved center
- Scheduled online through student's GED account
- Must be at least a day in advance

Online-Proctored Testing (OP)

- Student's home
- Pearson VUE OnVUE system
- Scheduled online through student's GED account
- Can be scheduled same day

*CBT also refers to jail-based testing



Remember - Online Proctored GED® Developed to

Dreate a pressure relief valve and provide more access to those ready to test and move on with the next steps in their life.

Allow students to test in their own homes and address potential misgivings about going to a testing center.



Provide another means of test delivery besides Center-Based Testing, which has seen reduced test slots.



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OP GED®: What Students Need to Know

- Testing times available 24/7
- Accommodations are virtually the same as for CBT (except reader and scribe)
- Tests may be scheduled same day
- Tests may be cancelled as late as 15 minutes before appointment time
- Spanish language testing available





OP GED®: What is Required

- A passing Ready test score (145+) from within the last 60 days
- Desktop or laptop computer with webcam, microphone, speakers (no Chromebooks)
- Stable internet
- Private room with a door that closes and no interruptions or other people
- Government-issued ID



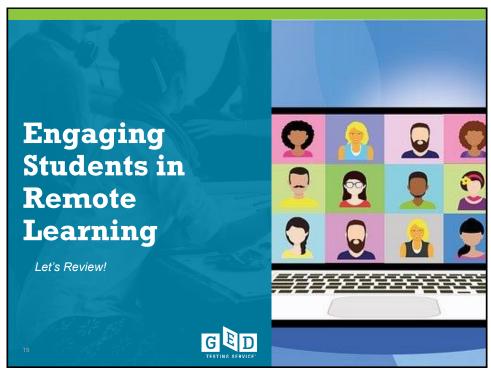
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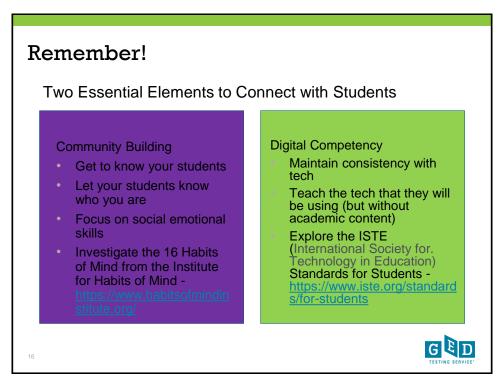


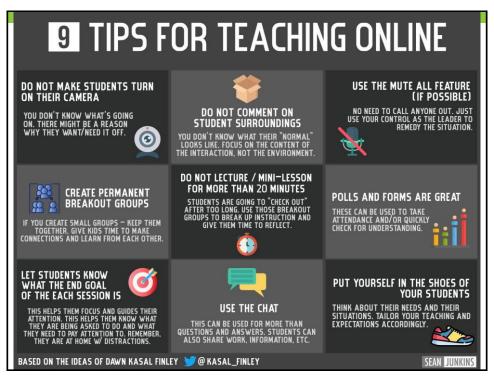
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Helping Students Deal with Stressful Times





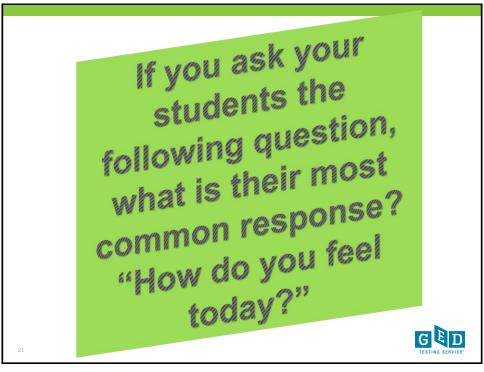
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What is SEL? Why is **SEL Important?**

Educators and community agencies serve students with different motivation for engaging in learning, behaving positively, and performing academically. Social and emotional learning (SEL) provides a foundation for safe and positive learning, and enhances students' ability to succeed in school, careers, and life.







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Two Areas of Concern

Self-awareness

- Regulate their own emotions and behaviors
- Regular reaction to stress and time management, motivation, and goal setting
- Build self-esteem and confidence

Skills include identifying emotions, self-perception, recognizing strengths, self-confidence, and self-efficacy.

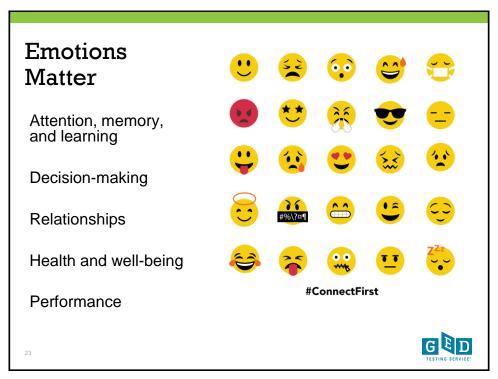
Self-efficacy is the belief in your ability to succeed in specific situations or accomplishment of a task.

Self-Management

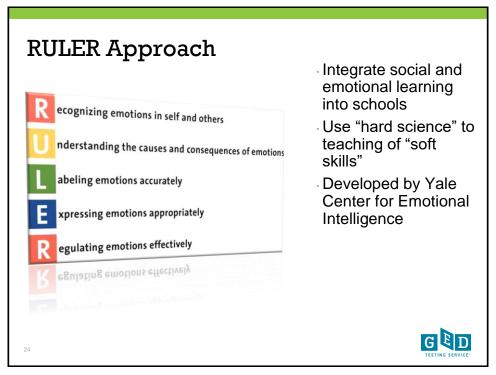
- Understand own strengths and weaknesses
- See how their behavior influences others
- Perceive own feeling and what others are feeling

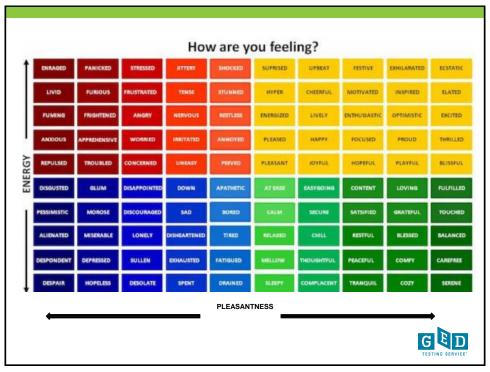
Executive function and self-regulation are the mental processes that enable us to plan, focus attention, remember instructions, and juggle multiple tasks successfully. Our brains need this skill set to filter distractions, prioritize tasks, set and achieve goals, and control impulses.



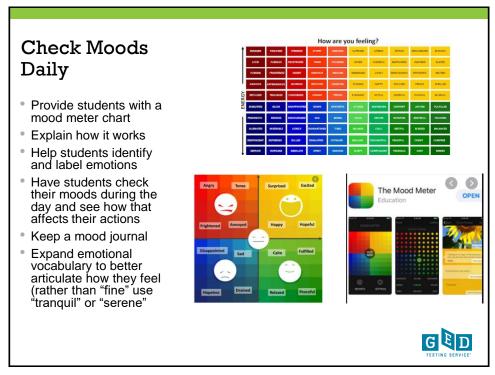


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Going Beyond "How Do You Feel?"

Dimensions of Well-Being

- Belonging and connection to others
- Growth and flourishing
- Purpose
- Engagement
- Voice
- Basic supports for health and life



Stephanie Dalton Cowan / theiSpot

https://www.edutopia.org/article/ going-beyond-how-are-you-feeling

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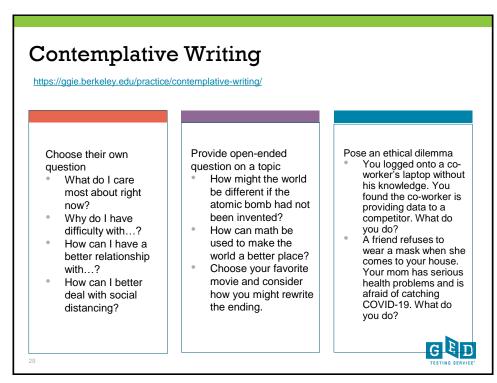
Contemplative Writing -Freewriting with a Purpose

- Helps you observe your emotions, intuition, or physical responses
- Is a method of inner inquiry
- Focuses on process, not outcome
- Is private and not to be shared unless a student chooses to do so

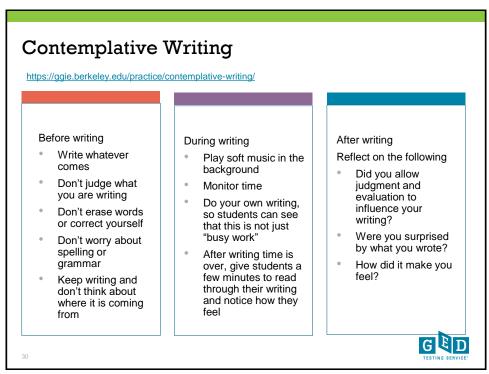
https://ggie.berkeley.edu/practice/contemplative-writing/







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What the World Needs Now --- Empathy

With all the challenges that students face, sometimes they just need to know that someone cares. Empathy is a tool that can help you better understand a person and let them know that you care.



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Three Things You Should Consider Doing Each Class

Welcoming Inclusion Activities

 Establish Activity, Routine, or Ritual that builds community and connects to the work ahead

Engaging Strategies

- Embed Engaging Strategies, including brain breaks to anchor thinking and learning throughout the lesson (opportunities for collaboration, reflection, discussions, etc.)
- Incorporate a Mindful Minute Brain Break as a calming activity to promote focus and readiness to learn new skills

Optimistic Closing Activities

- Close out the class in an intentional way to highlight what students have learned and the experience in which they have participated.
- Provide a sense of accomplishment and a glimpse into the future (what comes next)





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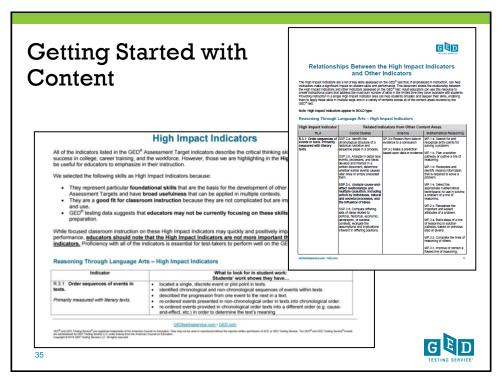
Simplify and Slow Down

Ask yourself the following!

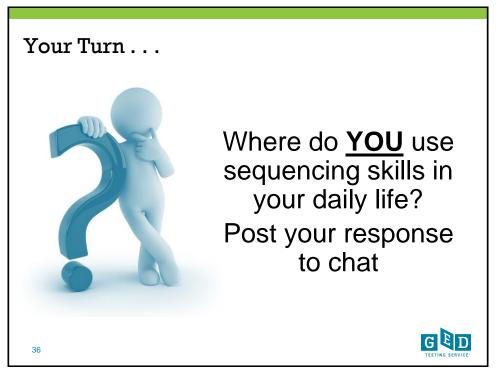
- · What knowledge is essential?
- What are prerequisite skills that students need to address the new content?
- What practice can be emphasized that transfers across multiple content areas?
- What skills promote analyzing text, constructing arguments, and building knowledge, each of which is needed in real-life and the workplace?
- What skills have greatest relevance to students?

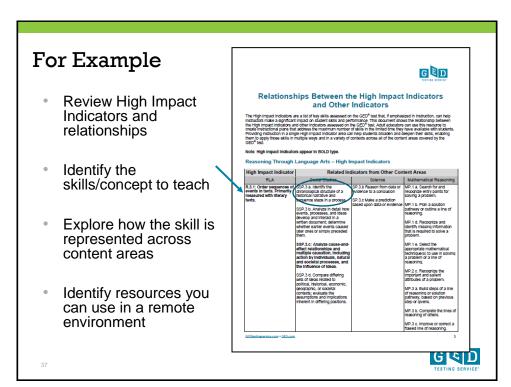
Melanie Kitchen, Curator of Creative Curiosity https://sites.google.com/view/curatorofcreativity/blended-learning





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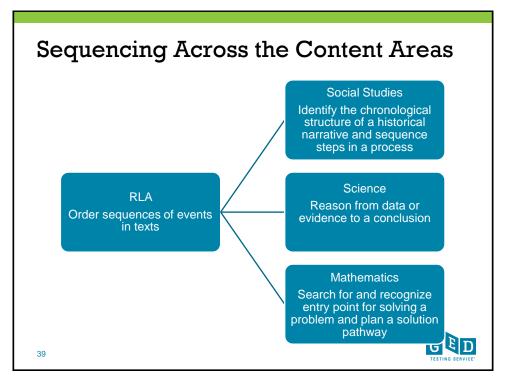


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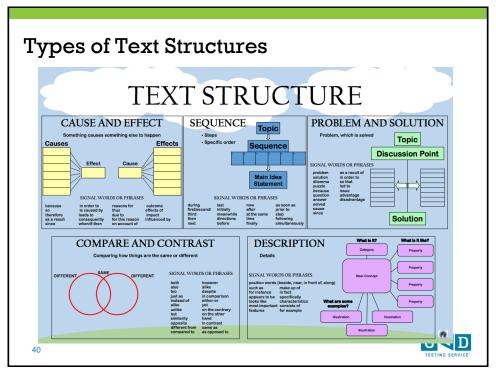
What Sequencing Does . . .

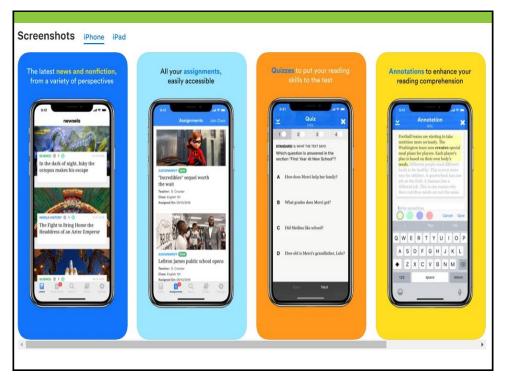
- Makes use of a structured approach in determining the next steps
- Requires students to slow down in order to engage with the details and the order in which the details are presented
- Exposes students to the discipline of interacting with text—not simply as words—or visual images on the page but as ideas supported by text structures



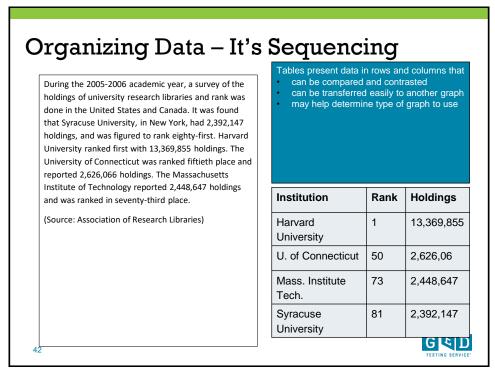


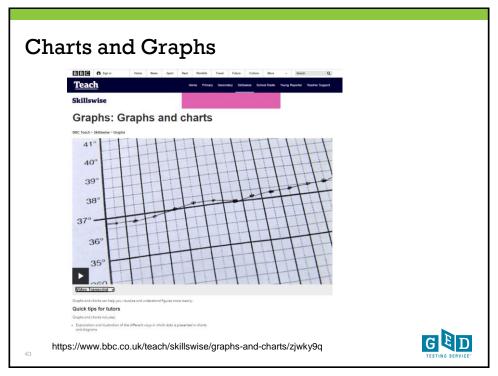
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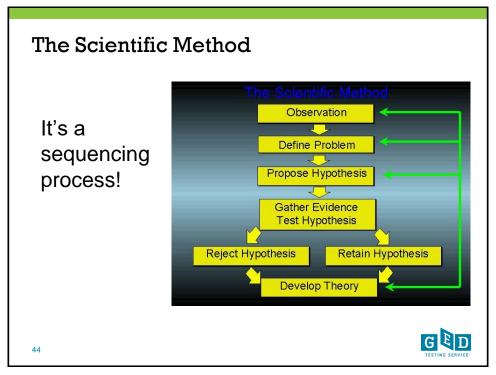


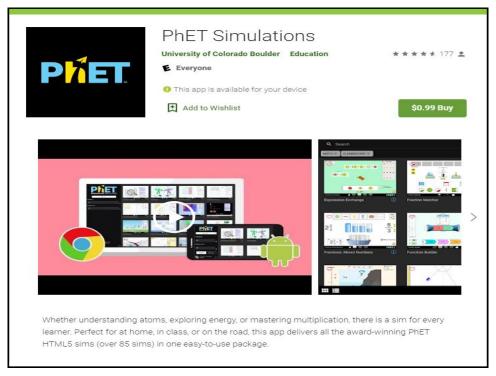
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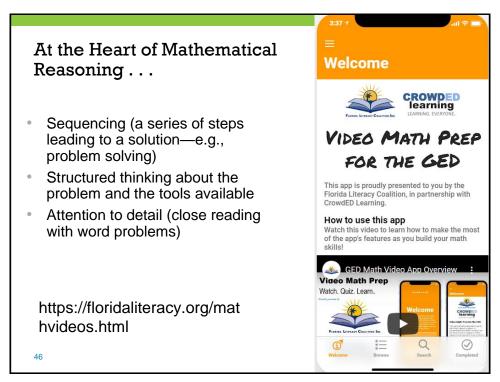


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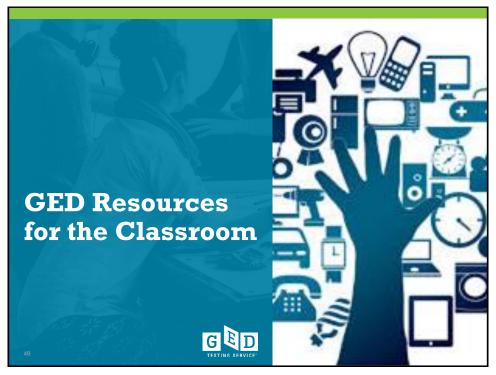


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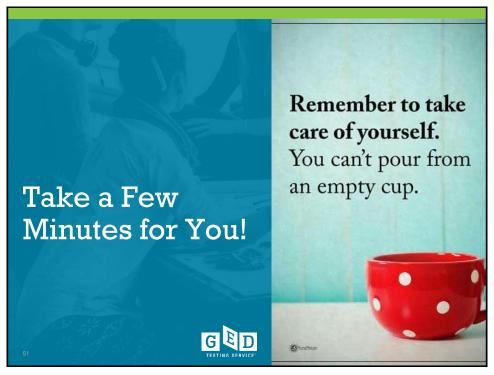


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