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Developmentally Appropriate Practices

The Regional Office of Education provided a professional learning opportunity about Developmentally Appropriate Practices in Kindergarten. Developmentally Appropriate Practice (DAP) is defined as methods that promote each child's optimal development and learning through a strengths-based, play-based approach to joyful, engaged learning. Building on each child's strengths...educators design and implement learning environments to help all children achieve their full potential across all domains of development and across all content areas. Developmentally appropriate practice recognizes and supports each individual as a valued member of the learning community. As a result, to be developmentally appropriate, practices must also be culturally, linguistically, and ability appropriate for each child. We look forward to working with an ISBE DAP coach in the future.