

CAST website exploration

Directions: This is to be done with your group that you wrote the lesson plan with. Someone needs to have a copy of the lesson plan with them so you can finish the assignment. For the first part of the assignment (through #4), you will just work with one other person; then you will work with the whole group.

1. Go to www.cast.org. Look around at the site for a few minutes to see what opportunities there are for you.
2. Click on “Teaching Every Student”, at the right side of the screen.
3. Bookmark that page so you can get back to it easily, as you will be doing most of your activities from this particular page.
4. Scroll down and find “Getting to know you the UDL way” under “Tools and Activities”. With a partner, choose one of the three activities and complete it. When asked for individual information, you can combine your information *or* you can pick one of you to fill it out. The main point is that you consider the questions carefully.
 - a. When you finish the activity, please download it by clicking on the appropriate link, then when the page comes up, go to “save as...” under the file menu.
5. Go back to the “Teaching Every Student” page. Under “Ideas and Information”, please click on one of the three case studies. Read the case study carefully, paying close attention to the sections which compare UDL with traditional approaches, and pay attention to the model lesson.
6. Now, please take out your group lesson plan which you wrote teaching students to add with regrouping. Also, please take out a copy of the “Principles of Universal Design” sheet that is found at the front of your packet. Given what you have now learned, please indicate where you addressed each of the seven principles in the lesson plan you have done. If you find that you are lacking in one or more areas, make a note on the sheet as to how you might address the principle were you to revise the plan. You are not being asked to re-write the plan. I just want you to think about how it might be improved. Hopefully, this will assist you as you consider these principles in your individual plans this semester.

What I would like you to hand in:

1. The “getting to know you” activity. You may email this to me; be sure that all names are on the activity. (Probably two names per activity.)
2. The group lesson plan (just one copy) with the UDL sheet completed and attached.