

## ***Preschool Lesson***

***Preschool Lesson***, an *individual or team (2 people) event*, recognizes participants who present an ***educational*** lesson to 3-5 year old children that demonstrates a participant's creativity and skills; create teaching aids, strategies and the use of verbal encouragers for pre-K children to enhance the lesson. Participants are also recognized for their ability to prepare and execute an organized lesson plan using the required lesson plan format.

### **EVENT CATEGORIES**

**Event # 45: Junior: grades 6-9**

**Event # 46: Senior: grades 10 – 12**

**Event # 47: Occupational: grades 10 – 12**

See page 3 of the Event Instructions & Policies document for more information on event categories.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Participation is open to any state/nationally affiliated FCCLA chapter member.

The Preschool Lesson project must have been evaluated at the Section/District level prior to March 1 to be eligible for the State Competition.

### **PROCEDURES & TIME REQUIREMENTS**

The participant(s) will be assigned a time for the presentation. The participant(s) must register with the room consultant 30 minutes in advance of the assigned time.

Event numbers 45, 46 and 47 will be judged independently. Evaluators will use the rubric to score and write comments for each participant(s).

The participant must present the lesson to an age appropriate audience at least one time prior to the competition. Documentation of the presentation including date, location, age group of children, proof of the presentation, such as photos, news clippings, and/or thank you notes, should be included in the competition file folder.

***Three typed copies of a lesson plan shall be given to the room consultant at the beginning of the set-up period. Place all three copies of the lesson plan and the documentation of the prior presentation, in one, letter-sized (8 ½"x11") file folder.*** The manila folder must be labeled with the: ***participant(s) name(s), school name, and adviser's name.***

Participants will be given a **maximum of 10 minutes to set up** at a time specified by the Event Coordinator. Only the participant(s) may set up for the presentation. Others, including advisers/instructors, are not allowed in the area during the set up time. **The lesson presentation is to be at least 5 minutes and not to exceed 10 minutes.** A one minute warning will be given by the room consultant. *Participants will be stopped at 10 minutes.*

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Evaluators will be given 5 minutes to ask questions of the participant on:

- \*the educational purpose of the lesson
- \* explanation of how the activity fits into the other activities for the day. How do you transition from the previous activity? How do you transition into the next activity?
- \* lesson selection
- \* age appropriateness
- \* production of the teaching aids
- \* evidence of previous lesson presentation to age group

***The total time required for this event is approximately 30 minutes.***

Spectators are not allowed to observe this event.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The participant(s) must bring all supplies and materials used in the presentation. Wall space and electricity will **NOT** be provided.

#### **Lesson Design**

The participant(s) will select and prepare an educational lesson appropriate for children 3-5 years of age using the general curriculum topic chosen by Illinois FCCLA. **See the curriculum topics designated for the current year.**

The participant will select and indicate the age group to which you would present this lesson:

- 3 year old children
- 4 year old children
- 5 year old children
- A mixed 3-5 yr old group of children

**Original Teaching Aids** must be produced by the participant(s) to enhance the lesson. The educational lesson may include any of the following curriculum areas:

- Science
- Movement
- Language
- Mathematics
- Music
- Art
- Any other curriculum area excluding storytelling.

Purchased items may be incorporated to enhance the overall lesson and supplement the original teaching aids.

#### **Lesson Plan**

The participant(s) will design and complete a ***typed lesson plan*** page (or a reproduction of the required format). It must include the following headings and related information:

- Target group (day care, preschool, Head Start, religious setting, etc.)
- Age of children
- Title of lesson and theme
- Curriculum area
- Educational objective (goal or purpose)
- Materials needed

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#### **Lesson Plan** *(continued)*

Steps in teaching:

- Transition from previous activity
- Introduction
- Lesson sequence
- Conclusion/summarize and reinforcement of concepts
- Transition statement to next activity

Participants must use the lesson plan format provided with this event. *Lesson plans are not to exceed two pages in length.*

The lesson will be presented as if to actual children. During the lesson presentation, participants are to use positive encouragers, short responses, use of children's name, etc. as role playing to an invisible group of age appropriate children. ***(Children will NOT be present.)*** The presentation will be made as if interacting with your select target group. ***No member of a team is to take on the role of a child.*** Participants are to remain in the teacher role.

#### **Lesson Plan Topics**

Your organization/classroom has general topics which run for a one month period of time. Your lesson plan is to use the general theme below based on the competition year:

***2020 Curriculum Topic***  
**Farms**

***2021 Curriculum Topic***  
**Zoos**

***2022 Curriculum Topic***  
**Friendship**

***2023 Curriculum Topic***  
**Circus**