

Following Directions Middle School Transitions		
Materials	Blank paper, writing utensils	
Essential Question	Why is it important to follow directions?	
Objectives	Students will be able to follow simple directions. Students will be able to articulate 2 reasons why it is important to follow directions.	
ASCA Standard	Standard A: Students will acquire the attitudes, knowledge and skills that contribute to effective learning in school and across the life span.	
	Overview	Notes / Process
Opening	Drawing activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How hard was it to just listen and not see the picture? What would have made this activity easier? • How does this apply to school? • If a teacher is telling us directions? Write them down, use active listening, repeat them back, ask for a written copy
Activity 1	"Test" activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss results. Why is it important to read all the directions before starting? What can be tricky about directions? • Do you learn best when directions are broken down? • if we don't understand the directions? ask a friend, wait until the teacher is done and ask her to repeat.
Activity 2	You try, direction scramble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain to students that even everyday tasks take many steps to accomplish. These tasks may include: brushing your teeth, making a sandwich, sharpening a pencil, etc. • <i>Ask for a student volunteer. Tell the volunteer you are going to give directions for him/her to follow and he/she must try to do exactly what you say (Use the EXAMPLE on p. 4 or your own example). The student should be</i>

		<p><i>able to follow the example and accomplish the task. This is a good time to discuss why we need to follow ALL steps.</i> Optional</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students try to put directions in order to sharpen pencil • Ask students what would happen if some steps were left out or added while performing this task. Would the task still be accomplished? Would we get the same result?
Close	Discuss Exit ticket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why are directions important?

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