



EXTENSION MENU

Elementary Strategy 12

An extension menu is an array of independent learning activities presented in a “choice” or “menu” format to provide students with options for extending or enriching the essential curriculum.

STUDENTS WHO BENEFIT:

- Have difficulty completing task.
- Need to demonstrate mastery utilizing different learner outcomes.
- Need both choice and challenge.
- Have diverse learning needs.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. Develop learning activities at a variety of appropriate levels on Bloom’s Taxonomy.
 2. Number boxes so that activities can be assigned based on student ability, interest and learning styles.
 3. Provide students with a copy of the rubric prior to the extension menu options.
 5. Model the use of an extension menu before expecting students to use one.
 6. Share expectations and criteria for evaluating student work.
- Adapted from: The Access Center, www.k8accesscenter.org



Extension Menus:

- Extend and enrich the essential curriculum
- Address learning styles and student interests
- Encourage self-responsibility and independent thinking skills
- Use wix.com or Google Slides to create a choice board and then share the URL with students.

BEFORE: Teacher decides how to use the extension menu and in which curricular area(s)
DURING: Anchoring activity, Learning center activity, and Independent activity
AFTER: Follow-up activity, Culminating activity, and Study guide

EXAMPLE

Dinner Menu: Photosynthesis

Appetizer (Everyone Shares)

- Write the chemical equation for photosynthesis.

Entrée (Select One)

- Draw a picture that shows what happens during photosynthesis.
- Write two paragraphs about what happens during photosynthesis.
- Create a rap that explains what happens during photosynthesis.

Side Dishes (Select at Least Two)

- Define respiration, in writing.
- Compare photosynthesis to respiration using a Venn Diagram.
- Write a journal entry from the point of view of a green plant.
- With a partner, create and perform a skit that shows the differences

Dessert (Optional)

- Create a test to assess the teacher’s knowledge of photosynthesis.