
Nebraska PreK Social and Emotional Development

FREE PREVIEW

Full-Year Teacher Planner, Blank Editable Planner & School-Submission Binder

This preview shows the real structure and a genuine sample of the completed planner. The full product contains 9 units, 36 weekly plans and 180 daily plans, plus blank editable versions of every form.

State	Nebraska
Grade	PreK (Early Childhood)
Subject	Social and Emotional Development
Course category	Early Learning Domain
Standards family	Social and Emotional Development
Framework	Early Learning Guidelines: Nebraska's Birth to Five Learning and Development Standards (2018)
Issuing agency	Nebraska Department of Education
Scope	36 instructional weeks · 180 instructional days · 9 units

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05 SCHOOL SUBMISSION	Submission covers, alignment summary, evidence checklist, observation, reflection, signature page
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Week 9 — Breathing Tools

Unit 3: Calming My Body and My Mind · Month 3 · Quarter 1 · Semester 1 · Instructional Days 41–45

Essential question	How can my breath help my body calm down?
Standards	Self-Regulation → SE.02 Social and Emotional / Self Control — Manages emotions with increasing independence
Learning target	"I can take slow breaths to calm my body."
Local dates	_____ (enter your school dates)

Measurable objectives

- Children will perform a slow breathing technique on request.
- Children will describe the difference between fast and slow breathing.

Success criteria (student-friendly)

- "I breathe in slowly."
- "I breathe out slowly."
- "I do it three times."

Academic vocabulary

breathe, slow, calm, in, out

Materials and technology

- Pinwheels
- Bubble wands
- Feathers
- Breathing visual cards
- Stuffed animals for belly breathing

Differentiation and supports

Support area	This week's plan
Special education / IEP	Reduce group size; pair visual cue cards with all verbal directions; allow gesture or picture response in place of speech; pre-teach the week's target in a 1:1 warm-up.
Section 504	Provide the child's documented accommodations throughout; permit movement breaks and alternative seating at any point in the sequence.
Multilingual learners	Introduce each vocabulary word with an object or image; accept home-language responses; send the vocabulary list home where a translation is available; pair with a peer who shares the home language.
Advanced / extension	Ask the learner to teach the skill to a peer, extend the task, or record a demonstration for the class reference wall.

Support area	This week's plan
Intervention / reteach	Reteach the target in a short small group using the same materials; split the day's check for understanding into two smaller steps.
Enrichment	Extend into an open-ended centre or project connected to the essential question.

Assessment and evidence

Child performs three slow breaths when cued, without hand-over-hand.

Family communication

Send home a pinwheel and a one-page breathing guide.

Day 41 — Fast Breath, Slow Breath

Week 9, Day 1 · Unit 3 · Standards: SE.02

Focus	Noticing the difference.
Learning target	"I can take slow breaths to calm my body."
Vocabulary in use	breathe, slow, calm
Local date	_____

Learning sequence

Circle: run in place, then notice fast breath. Model: teacher slows her breath aloud. Practice: children compare. Play: movement-and-still music game.

Check for understanding

Child distinguishes fast from slow breathing.

Differentiation in the moment

If the learner...	Then...
needs more support	Model the step again with guided support, then fade to a gesture cue.
is ready for more	Invite the learner to demonstrate for a peer or add a second example.
is dysregulated	Pause instruction, move to co-regulation, and return to the target later.

Closure and reflection

Gather the group. Restate the learning target. Ask one learner to demonstrate. Name one specific thing the group did well, then preview tomorrow.

Teacher reflection (fictional example)

Fictional Example — Customize and Verify Before School Submission.

Most learners met the target. Two needed the visual cue repeated during guided practice; I will pre-teach with them tomorrow. The extension held attention longer than planned, so I shortened closure.

Day 42 — Pinwheel Breathing

Week 9, Day 2 · Unit 3 · Standards: SE.02

Focus	Making the out-breath visible.
Learning target	"I can take slow breaths to calm my body."
Vocabulary in use	breathe, slow, calm
Local date	_____

Learning sequence

Circle: pinwheel demonstration. Model: teacher blows slowly so it turns steadily. Practice: each child practices a long, slow blow. Play: pinwheel station.

Check for understanding

Child produces a sustained out-breath turning the pinwheel.

Differentiation in the moment

If the learner...	Then...
needs more support	Model the step again with guided support, then fade to a gesture cue.
is ready for more	Invite the learner to demonstrate for a peer or add a second example.
is dysregulated	Pause instruction, move to co-regulation, and return to the target later.

Closure and reflection

Gather the group. Restate the learning target. Ask one learner to demonstrate. Name one specific thing the group did well, then preview tomorrow.

Teacher reflection (fictional example)

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Day 43 — Belly Breathing

Week 9, Day 3 · Unit 3 · Standards: SE.02

Focus	Diaphragmatic breathing with a concrete anchor.
Learning target	"I can take slow breaths to calm my body."
Vocabulary in use	breathe, slow, calm
Local date	_____

Learning sequence

Circle: lie down with a stuffed animal on the belly. Model: teacher shows the animal rising. Practice: children watch their animal rise and fall. Play: rest-time belly breathing.

Check for understanding

Child's stuffed animal visibly rises during the in-breath.

Differentiation in the moment

If the learner...	Then...
needs more support	Model the step again with guided support, then fade to a gesture cue.
is ready for more	Invite the learner to demonstrate for a peer or add a second example.
is dysregulated	Pause instruction, move to co-regulation, and return to the target later.

Closure and reflection

Gather the group. Restate the learning target. Ask one learner to demonstrate. Name one specific thing the group did well, then preview tomorrow.

Teacher reflection (fictional example)

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Day 44 — Bubble Breaths

Week 9, Day 4 · Unit 3 · Standards: SE.02

Focus	Controlled exhalation.
Learning target	"I can take slow breaths to calm my body."
Vocabulary in use	breathe, slow, calm
Local date	_____

Learning sequence

Circle: bubble demonstration. Model: teacher shows that a hard blow pops the bubble, a gentle blow makes it.
Practice: outdoor bubble blowing. Play: bubbles at recess.

Check for understanding

Child produces a bubble with a controlled breath.

Differentiation in the moment

If the learner...	Then...
needs more support	Model the step again with guided support, then fade to a gesture cue.
is ready for more	Invite the learner to demonstrate for a peer or add a second example.
is dysregulated	Pause instruction, move to co-regulation, and return to the target later.

Closure and reflection

Gather the group. Restate the learning target. Ask one learner to demonstrate. Name one specific thing the group did well, then preview tomorrow.

Teacher reflection (fictional example)

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Day 45 — Breathing When I Need It

Week 9, Day 5 · Unit 3 · Standards: SE.02

Focus	Transferring the tool to real moments.
Learning target	"I can take slow breaths to calm my body."
Vocabulary in use	breathe, slow, calm
Local date	_____

Learning sequence

Circle: when-to-use scenarios. Model: teacher role-plays using breath at a frustrating moment. Practice: children rehearse. Play: breathing cards posted at the calm corner.

Check for understanding

Child names one real situation for using slow breaths.

Differentiation in the moment

If the learner...	Then...
needs more support	Model the step again with guided support, then fade to a gesture cue.
is ready for more	Invite the learner to demonstrate for a peer or add a second example.
is dysregulated	Pause instruction, move to co-regulation, and return to the target later.

Closure and reflection

Gather the group. Restate the learning target. Ask one learner to demonstrate. Name one specific thing the group did well, then preview tomorrow.

Teacher reflection (fictional example)

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