

South Dakota K Social Studies

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	South Dakota
Grade	K (Early Childhood)
Subject	Social Studies
Course category	Core
Standards family	Social Studies
Framework	South Dakota Social Studies Standards (adopted 17 April 2023)
Issuing agency	South Dakota Department of Education
Scope	36 instructional weeks · 180 instructional days · 9 units

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Week 9 — Symbols Stand for Something

Unit 3: Symbols We Share · Month 3 · Quarter 1 · Semester 1 · Instructional Days 41–45

Essential question	What is a symbol?
Standards	Symbols, Customs and Celebrations -> K.SS.3 <i>1 standards this week; full text in the standards table.</i>
Learning target	"I know a symbol stands for something."
Local dates	_____ (enter your school dates)

Measurable objectives

- Students will explain that a symbol stands for something else.
- Students will identify symbols in their own environment.

Success criteria (student-friendly)

- "I find a symbol."
- "I say what it stands for."
- "I explain why it is used."

Academic vocabulary

symbol, stand for, represent, sign, meaning

Materials and technology

- Everyday symbol cards
- Road and safety signs
- Chart paper
- Drawing materials
- School emblem

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

Check: child identifies a symbol and states its meaning.

Family communication

Point out a sign on the way home and ask what it means.

Day 41 — Signs We Already Know

Week 9, Day 1 · Unit 3 · Standards: K.SS.3

Focus	Everyday symbols.
Learning target	"I know a symbol stands for something."
Vocabulary in use	symbol, stand for, represent
Local date	_____

Learning sequence

Connect: teacher shows a familiar sign. Explore: children identify signs. Discuss: how do you know what it means? Apply: sign chart. Close: chart posted.

Check for understanding

Student states what a common sign means.

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 — Why Use a Picture Instead of Words?

Week 9, Day 2 • Unit 3 • Standards: K.SS.3

Focus	The purpose of symbols.
Learning target	"I know a symbol stands for something."
Vocabulary in use	symbol, stand for, represent
Local date	_____

Learning sequence

Connect: sign chart. Explore: children compare a sign and a sentence. Discuss: which is faster? Apply: reasons listed. Close: purpose named.

Check for understanding

Student explains why a symbol is used instead of words.

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 — Our School's Symbol

Week 9, Day 3 · Unit 3 · Standards: K.SS.3

Focus	Group identity symbols.
Learning target	"I know a symbol stands for something."
Vocabulary in use	symbol, stand for, represent
Local date	_____

Learning sequence

Connect: purpose. Explore: children examine the school emblem. Discuss: what does it say about us? Apply: emblem discussed. Close: link to class emblem.

Check for understanding

Student explains what the school emblem represents.

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 — Designing a Symbol

Week 9, Day 4 · Unit 3 · Standards: K.SS.3

Focus	Creating a symbol.
Learning target	"I know a symbol stands for something."
Vocabulary in use	symbol, stand for, represent
Local date	_____

Learning sequence

Connect: school emblem. Explore: children design a symbol for their class or family. Discuss: why that image?
Apply: symbols drawn. Close: gallery.

Check for understanding

Student designs a symbol and explains what it stands for.

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 — Symbols All Around Us

Week 9, Day 5 · Unit 3 · Standards: K.SS.3

Focus	Symbol hunt.
Learning target	"I know a symbol stands for something."
Vocabulary in use	symbol, stand for, represent
Local date	_____

Learning sequence

Connect: designed symbols. Explore: children hunt for symbols around school. Discuss: which were hardest? Apply: hunt sheet. Close: findings charted.

Check for understanding

Student finds a symbol in the school and states its meaning.

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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