Guidelines for Basic Literacy Instruction EMERGENT LEVELS (1ST - 2ND)

Instructional Goal	Objectives	Materials	Strategies
Reading Fluency and Comprehension	 Read letters, numbers and simple 3-5 letter words. Be able to add, subtract, some multiplication and measurements. Read simple Experience Stories the student creates with relevant sight words. Understand some details and main idea of a reading. 	 Laubach Way to Reading 1-3 Grade 1-2 Level Readers Litstart, Chapter 6 Primary Phonics books 1-6 Cell phone and computer 	 Read aloud/Echo reading Review and reread regularly Q & A - before, during and after reading Be able to read and implement basic phone and computer functions
Word Study [decoding sounds & words]	 Phonics – know sounds of consonants, short and long vowels, some blends Learn basic spelling rules and 3-5 letter word patterns Recognize commonly used sight words 	 Laubach 1-3 Fast Track Phonics Litstart, Chapter 7 and Appendices A-D 	 Use and review flashcards Create word lists Spell words with finger on desk or sandpaper Make lists of various words for student to match similar sounding ones
Writing	 Write alphabet, numbers and many 3-5 letter words Write personal information and family names Write simple sentences Has some understanding of periods, commas, question marks, contractions and possessives 	• Litstart, Chapter 8	 Visualize words to write before writing Copy letters and 10 simple words and sentences weekly Dictation of learned words and sentences Litstart strategies p.178-181

Guidelines for Basic Literacy Instruction BEGINNING LEVELS (3RD - 4TH)

Instructional Goal	Objectives	Materials	Strategies
Reading Fluency	 Read simple and compound sentences in single or linked paragraphs with growing independence Read simple Experience Stories the student helps to create with relevant sight words Read commonly used sight words Knows multiplication, division and measurements 	 Laubach 3-4 Voyager 1-3 American Lives 1 Grade Level Readers Litstart, Chapter 6 Cell phone and computer 	 Read aloud Reread regularly to develop fluency Experience Story Be able to read and implement relevant phone and computer functions
Comprehension	 Understand details of a reading: who, where, when, and how Can relay the main idea, express opinion and explain why. Emerging critical thinking skills 	 Laubach 3-4 Voyager 1-3 Graphic Organizers	 Q & A - before, during and after readings Student summarizes readings orally Use relevant Graphic Organizers
Word Study [decoding words]	 Phonics – review sounds of consonants and vowels, and knows many blends, digraphs, diphthongs Understand more spelling rules Understand alphabetizing and can look up new vocabulary in a dictionary 	 Laubach 3-4 Fast Track Phonics Litstart, Chapter 7 and Appendices E-F Target Spelling Series 	 Use flash cards Make rhyming word lists Spell words with finger on desk or sandpaper Make lists of various words for student to match with similar sounding ones
Writing	 Write basic notes Write complete sentences on one topic with minimal mistakes in grammar, spelling and punctuation Write simple Experience Story 	 Litstart, Chapter 8 From Reading to Writing #1	 Visualize words and sentences before writing Litstart p. 178-181 Litstart Strategies p.186

GUIDELINES FOR BASIC LITERACY INSTRUCTION INTERMEDIATE LEVELS (5TH - 6TH)

Instructional Goal	Objectives	Materials	Strategies
Reading Fluency	 Read chapter and text books independently with developing fluency and occasional stops Developing understanding of vocabulary from context 	 American Lives 2-3 Across the U.S. Pre-GED materials Newspapers, magazines, mail Grade Level Readers 	• Read assignments at home and some parts with tutor
Comprehension	 Understand main idea, details, compare /contrast, sequencing and sharing opinions Developing understanding of facts vs. opinions, predicting outcomes, developing more critical thinking skills of a reading & expression of ideas 	 Exercises in student's book Graphic Organizers	• Student orally summarizes all or parts of assignments
Word Study [decoding words]	 Phonics and spelling study as needed Can break down complex words Can give opposite meaning of new vocabulary words 	 Litstart, Appendices G-H Megawords 1-2 Target Spelling Series 	 Litstart Strategies p. 159-167 Use relevant Graphic Organizers
Writing (as homework)	 Can do simple journal entries and free writing Understand how to write simple poems Write a paragraph with simple topic sentence, transitions and some details with minimal mistakes in grammar, punctuation and spelling Write a summary in a paragraph with minimal mistakes 	 Focus on Writing #1 From Reading to Writing #2 Litstart, Chapter 8 	 Litstart Strategies p.187-188 Litstart p.182-183 Mapping Summary Graphic Organizer Focus on two areas of mistakes in writing. Tutor circles, student corrects and rewrites.

Guidelines for Basic Literacy Instruction HIGH INTERMEDIATE / ADVANCED LEVELS (UP TO ABOUT 9TH)

Instructional Goal	Objectives	Materials	Strategies
Reading Fluency	 Read chapter books independently with fluency Increased understanding of vocabulary from context 	 Endeavor Series GED materials Newspapers, magazines, mail	• Read assignments at home and some parts with tutor
Comprehension	 Has the ability to: articulate the main idea, details, compare/contrast, sequencing and sharing opinions related to readings Facts vs. opinions and predicting outcomes Developing the ability of inference 	 Exercises from student's book Graphic Organizers 	 Student orally summarizes all or parts of assignments Use relevant Graphic Organizers
Word Study	 Phonics and spelling review as needed Vocabulary development and opposite meanings 	• Megawords 3-4	 Litstart Strategies p. 159-167 Graphic Organizers
Writing (as homework)	 Simple journal entries and free writing Understand how to write simple poems Write a well-developed paragraph with topic sentence, transitions and details Write summaries in an organized paragraph Write narrative descriptions and short simple essays 	 Ready to Write Focus on Writing #2 Litstart, Chapter 8 	 Litstart p.187-188 Litstart p.182-183, Mapping Graphic Organizer for summaries Focus on 2-3 areas of mistakes in writing. Tutor circles, student corrects and rewrites.