TOOLS FOR LEARNING
BASKETBALL SKILLS

MIDDLE (6-8)

The Virginia Standards of Learning Project
It would be very interesting to know what Dr. James Naismith would think about the evolution of a game that he invented in December of 1891. Although his vision for the game probably didn’t include the NBA, slam dunk contests, or 3-point shoot-outs, we believe he would be happy to know that millions of students around the world use basketball as a way to stay active year-round while enjoying the benefits of physical activity with friends.

In 2019, 128 years after Dr. Naismith’s first game, the OPEN Basketball Nation celebrates the roots of the game by providing physical educators and youth coaches the tools to teach basketball as a lifelong activity that promotes the very best in humanity. This Middle School Basketball module is just one part of the OPEN Basketball Nation movement. For more information and resources, visit www.openphysed.org/basketballnation
**National Standards and Outcomes Focus**

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- **Standard 2 [7.d]** Analyze skill patterns and movement performance of self and others, detecting and correcting mechanical errors and describing balance in the planes of movement for selected movements (d).

- **Standard 2 [8.c,d,e]** Explain how offensive and defensive tactics and strategies are used to gain an advantage offensively and defensively (c); Analyze performance in a variety of selected skills/activities using movement concepts of agility, power, coordination, reaction time, speed, force, motion, rotation, and energy of self and partner (d); Analyze movement progressions (practice, self or peer assess, correct, practice at a higher level, and reassess) of a specific skill and utilize feedback to improve the movement skills of self and/or others (e).

- **Standard 4 [6.b,d,e]** Compare and critique rules, safety procedures, and etiquette for two different physical activities (b); Describe the benefits of competitive and non-competitive physical activities (d); Demonstrate integrity and apply rules/etiquette for a team-building activity (e).

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- **Standard 4 [8.c]** Identify and demonstrate proper etiquette, respect for others, integrity, and teamwork while engaging in physical activity and/or social dance (c).
Several types of assessment are provided as a part of this module. However, there are many different ways for teachers and students to assess and evaluate student learning and skill development.

**Student Journal for Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)**
Download, print, and reproduce this student journal for use at the end of each lesson. Each page provides a thematic set of depth of knowledge (DOK) questions focused on developing SEL competencies, building a positive learning community, and highlighting the role of sport in character development.

**Academic Language Quiz**
Assess student knowledge with a short quiz focused on the academic language of basketball. Use the quiz as-is or as a template for creating a custom quiz.

This simple self-assessment provides each student with a structure for reflecting on current skill level, setting a goal for growth and development, and then reassessing progress toward that goal.

The authors recommend that students complete this form as a pre-assessment on the day that skills are first introduced. For example, during the module’s first lesson, students participate in the activity Driver’s Test. At the end of this activity, students would complete the Pre and Goal columns for dribbling (and possibly safety). Passing, trapping, and kicking would not be completed until a future lesson introduces those skills. A post-assessment for all skills would then be completed during the module’s station day lesson.

When evaluating a student’s performance in using the Self-Assessment Worksheet, the student’s score should be based on the process and quality of self-reflection, not the student’s ability to score a full column of smiles or stars. Here is a sample rating scale for self-assessment evaluation:

- **Well Below Competence (1):** Was present but refused to complete.
- **Lacks Competence (2):** Completed each assessment with little effort. Student assessments do not match teacher-observed skill performance.
- **Competent (3):** Most skill assessments match the student’s skill level with a goal for improvement and an accurate post-assessment. Evidence of reflection is present.
- **Proficient (4):** All skill assessments match the student’s skill level with a goal for improvement and an accurate post-assessment. Evidence of reflection and a regard for quality of work is present.

**NOTE:** The evaluation scale suggested for the self-assessment is consistent with the scale used for the Holistic Rubrics discussed below. This consistency allows teachers to average several scores for the sake of a final evaluation or grade.
### Holistic Rubric for Performance

The Holistic Rubric can be used as both a formative and summative assessment within the module. Providing students with the rubric’s criteria early in the module will allow for discussion and formative evaluation throughout activities and lessons.

### Suggested Block Plan

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STUDENT TARGETS

- **Skill:** I will demonstrate critical cues for passing, receiving, and dribbling.
- **Cognitive:** I will discuss the importance of critical cues and their role in skill development.
- **Fitness:** I will remain active and accumulate MVPA minutes.
- **Personal & Social Responsibility:** I will cooperate with a variety of partners, respecting all skill levels.

TEACHING CUES

- Two Hands East and West
- Step to Target
- Extend Out and Push to Target
- Follow Through, Palms Out

ACTIVITY SET-UP & PROCEDURE

**Equipment:**
- 1 basketball per 2 students
- 1 spot marker per 2 students
- 4 pinnies or colored wristbands
- 1 Basketball SEL Journal per student

**Set-Up:**
1. Scatter spot markers throughout the activity area.
2. Pair students, each pair at a spot marker with a ball.
3. Designate player 1 and player 2 within each pair. Partner 1 begins on the spot marker. Partner 2 begins with the basketball.
4. Take 5 mins to introduce the SEL Journals.

**Activity Procedures:**
1. Today’s activity is called All-Star Passing. There are 3 levels of passing: Rookie, Starter, and All-Star.
2. Player 1 (the spot player) will begin on a spot marker and player 2 (the passer) will begin with the ball. After 2–3 minutes, we’ll switch roles.
3. Rookie (Level 1): On “GO!” the passer will make a bounce pass to the spot player. The spot player will make a return pass. As soon as the return pass is made, the passer will dribble to a new spot player and exchange passes. How many different spot players can you pass with before you hear the stop signal?
4. Starter (Level 2): This level builds on the Rookie Level with the passer making a cut after the pass and the spot player making a leading pass to a cutting player as the return. Emphasize the importance of crisp cuts in to open space.
5. All-Star (Level 3): This level builds on the pass and cut skills from the Starter Level but adds a defensive element. Assign and identify 4 players as defense by giving them pinnies or wristbands. Defenders move throughout the activity area, looking to deflect (not intercept) passes. Passers will pick up any deflected passes and continue. Defenders are not trying to steal the ball away from dribbling players.

**Grade Level Progression:**
6th: Play the activity as described above.
7th–8th: Utilize an auditory cue to signal a dribble change of direction. When the students hear the cue, they perform a crossover dribble and continue dribbling with the opposite hand.
ALL-STAR PASSING

**UNIVERSAL DESIGN ADAPTATIONS**

- Use a ball that will support success for all students.
- All students to choose to work at either level 1 or level 2.
- Provide a partner to assist students who could benefit from the support.

**ACADEMIC LANGUAGE**

Basketball, Cooperate, Critical Cue, Dominant Hand, Dribble, MVPA, Non-Dominant Hand, Pass, Receive, Respect, Skill, Tactic

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**DEBRIEF QUESTIONS**

- **DOK 1:** What is a critical cue?
- **DOK 2:** How can you apply critical cues when practicing dribbling skills?
- **DOK 3:** How well were you able to perform passing critical cues during today’s activity? Give details about your performance.

- **DOK 1:** How can you recognize a challenge?
- **DOK 2:** How does positive self-talk affect your ability to overcome a challenge?

**TEACHING STRATEGY FOCUS**

Help students process content. Oftentimes, when faced with a challenge, students are left to draw their own conclusions. By helping students examine the impact of self-talk on their attitudes and behaviors, teachers can help students summarize and elaborate on their feelings in a constructive way. By focusing on how their actions can help other people cope with challenges, you’re offering students a context for positive talk and thinking, which can impact overall attitudes, participation, and growth.
STUDENT TARGETS

- **Skill:** I will demonstrate the critical cues for dribbling while avoiding defenders.
- **Cognitive:** I will be able to recite critical cues for dribbling.
- **Fitness:** I will remain active and accumulate MVPA minutes.
- **Personal & Social Responsibility:** I will personally exhibit and be able to discuss the importance of responsibility behaviors.

ACTIVITY SET-UP & PROCEDURE

**Equipment:**
- 4 cones
- 1 basketball per student

**Set-Up:**
1. Create a large activity area using 4 cones.
2. Students with a ball line up on 1 end of the activity area in between 2 cones.
3. Designate 2–4 players as defenders, each in the center of the activity area.

**Activity Procedures:**
1. Today’s activity is called Dribble Stoppers! The object of the activity is to dribble through open space while protecting your basketball from defenders.
2. When I say “GO!” (or the music starts), students will start dribbling across the activity area to the other side while avoiding defenders. Defenders must maintain defensive ready position using side-slides and drop-steps to move throughout the activity area.
3. If your ball is tagged by a defender (any touch on the ball) or it goes out of bounds, retrieve your ball, place it on the ball rack, and re-enter the game as a defender.
4. When all untagged players are safe on the other side of the activity area, we’ll repeat in the opposite direction.

**Grade Level Progression:**
6th – 7th: Play the activity as described above.
8th: Using low-profile cones, create small game grids of 5 offensive players, 2 defensive players, and 1 ball. Offense must dribble 3 times and then make an accurate pass to a teammate. Offense scores a point each time every player receives a pass. Rotate defenders every 1–2 minutes.
Increase or decrease the size of the boundaries, depending on the needs and abilities of your students.

Decrease the number of defenders.

Control, Defense, Defensive Ready Position, Dribble, Drop Step, Offense, Traveling

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**DOK 1:** What is personal responsibility?

**DOK 2:** How would you summarize the importance of personal responsibility in physical education class?

**DOK 3:** How is personal responsibility related to participation in basketball?

**DOK 1:** What is social responsibility?

**DOK 2:** How is personal responsibility similar to social responsibility? Different?

**DOK 3:** How is social responsibility related to Kids Heart Challenge participation?

**DOK 4:** Work with a partner to write a letter to your friends and family explaining why we are raising money for the American Heart Association and how it is related to your understanding of social responsibility.

Help students engage in cognitively complex tasks. Developing personal and social responsibility is one of the cornerstone learning standards for physical education programs in the United States and around the world. However, too often our learning tasks and assessments ignore purposeful development of these characteristics. Discussing the importance of raising money to fight heart disease is one way to bring focus to social responsibility in physical education, but it’s just a starting point. By prompting students to work together to write letters explaining the relationship between what they are doing in class and the importance of research, outreach, and community health education, students must examine, process, and communicate their complex understanding of what social responsibility means to them.
**STUDENT TARGETS**

- **Skill:** I will make and receive leading passes with my team.
- **Cognitive:** I will discuss the importance of cutting into open space after making a pass.
- **Fitness:** I will stay actively engaged at the intensity needed to raise my heart rate.
- **Personal & Social Responsibility:** I will demonstrate cooperation with my classmates as we work toward a common goal.

**TEACHING CUES**

- Cut to Open Space with Hands Ready
- Leading Pass Ahead of Cutter
- Cut to the Basket (Corner Spots)

**ACTIVITY SET-UP & PROCEDURE**

**Equipment:**
- 4 large cones
- 16 spot markers
- 1 basketball per team of 2 or 3 students

**Set-Up:**
1. Create a large activity area using 4 cones.
2. Place 4 spot markers in each corner 4–5 feet apart.*
3. Create teams of 2 or 3 players, each team with a ball.
4. Scatter teams throughout the activity area.

*If the activity area has multiple baskets, place spots directly under each basket.

**Activity Procedures:**
1. This activity is called Corner to Corner. The object of the activity is for you and your partner (or team) to score as many “baskets” as you can by bouncing your ball on 1 of the spot markers in each corner of the activity area.
2. On the start signal, start passing and cutting, making your way to a corner. Dribbling is not allowed. Players with the ball: You can pivot and pass. Players without the ball will cut toward the corner spots.
3. At each corner, you’ll bounce your basketball on 1 of the spot markers and then begin moving to another corner. Each time you bounce on a spot, it’s worth 2 points (1 basket). You must score at all 4 corners before you can go back to a corner that you’ve already scored on.
4. On the stop signal, freeze with the ball at your hip (triple threat) or in pass-ready position.

**Grade Level Progression:**
6th: Play the activity as described above.
7th: Add 4 defenders. Defenders can move throughout the activity area, deflecting or intercepting passes. If a pass is intercepted, the defender scores 1 point, returns the ball to the passing team, and defends elsewhere.
8th: Add shooting. Teams pass and cut to any basket in the activity area. The object is to score at each basket, and then repeat at each basket as many times as possible before the stop signal.
CORNER TO CORNER

UNIVERSAL DESIGN ADAPTATIONS
- Add auditory signals at target spots to assist students with a visual impairment.
- Use foam balls (or another variety of ball) to assist with passing and catching.
- Create larger and/or additional targets.
- Increase boundary area to create more open space.

ACADEMIC LANGUAGE
Cooperate, Cut, Leading Pass, Pass, Open Space, Pass-Ready Position, Receive, Triple Threat

STANDARDS & OUTCOMES Addressed
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DEBRIEF QUESTIONS
- **DOK 1:** What does cooperation look like? What does it sound like?
- **DOK 2:** How did you apply cooperation in the game of Corner to Corner?
- **DOK 3:** How is communication related to cooperation? How did you communicate in Corner to Corner in order to cooperate?

- **DOK 1:** What are the critical cues for passing? For receiving a pass?
- **DOK 2:** What do you know about making and receiving a leading pass?
- **DOK 3:** How could you change this activity to practice passing off a dribble?

TEACHING STRATEGY FOCUS
Help students identify critical content. Cooperation is absolutely fundamental to passing in any sport. It relies on communication and is an overall indicator of how cooperative a team is. Good passing also provides rich opportunities to identify and discuss the importance of both verbal and non-verbal communication in sport and physical activity. Help students identify and examine the social learning competencies of basketball participation.
MONEY IN THE BANK

STUDENT TARGETS

- **Skill**: I will demonstrate all critical cues for shooting.
- **Cognitive**: I recite critical cues for shooting.
- **Fitness**: I will stay actively engaged at the intensity needed to raise my heart rate.
- **Personal & Social Responsibility**: I will use positive language to encourage my teammates and avoid trash talk or negative criticism.

TEACHING CUES

- Balance on the Platter
- Elbow Under the Ball
- Eyes on Target
- Follow-Through Snap

ACTIVITY SET-UP & PROCEDURE

**Equipment:**

- 4–6 basketball goals (i.e., baskets)
- 5 spot markers per goal
- 1 basketball per goal

**Set-Up:**

1. Set 5 spot markers in an arc at each goal; 1 spot on each low block, 1 spot in front of the goal, and 2 spots in between the blocks and the front of the goal.
2. Create even teams, 1 team per goal. Teams line up on the spot that’s sitting on the right low block.
3. Large class sizes with a limited number of goals can play with 2 teams per hoop starting on opposite blocks.

**Activity Procedures:**

1. Today’s activity is called Money in the Bank! The object of the activity is to put money in the bank by putting 10 bucks in the bank at every poly spot. Each made shot from the spot is worth 2 bucks, and follow-up shots are worth 1 buck.
2. When I say "GO!" the 1st player on your team will shoot from the right low block. If she/he makes the shot, rebound it and pass to the next player in line for the next shot, and then go to the end of the line.
3. If a shot is missed, the shooter gets the rebound and can take 1 (only 1) follow-up shot.
4. Continue in this rotation until your team puts 10 bucks in the bank from that spot. After making the 10th buck, everyone on your team will yell-out, “Cha-Cha-Ching!” Then move to the next spot and continue your shooting and rebounding pattern.
5. When your team makes 10 bucks from each spot, everyone on your team will yell out, ”Money in the bank!”

**Grade Level Progression:**

- **6th–7th**: Play the activity as described above.
- **8th**: For each follow-up shot, students must rebound the ball and dribble back to the spot to take their 2nd shot. Only 1 follow-up shot per turn.
MONEY IN THE BANK

UNIVERSAL DESIGN ADAPTATIONS

- Decrease the height of the goals.
- Use auditory cues to help students shoot toward the goal.
- Decrease the shooting distance.
- Use different size/weight balls.

ACADEMIC LANGUAGE

Encouragement, Follow-Through, Positive Language, Shoot, Social Interaction, Trash Talk

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DEBRIEF QUESTIONS

- **DOK 1**: What are the critical cues for shooting?
- **DOK 2**: What do you know about the different types of shots used in basketball?
- **DOK 3**: Can you compare/contrast the advantages of the different shots used in basketball?
- **DOK 1**: How can you recognize positive language and social interaction during a competitive activity?
- **DOK 2**: How does encouragement affect your performance during a competitive activity? How does it affect your enjoyment?
- **DOK 3**: How would you describe healthy competition, using the activity Money in the Bank as an example?

TEACHING STRATEGY FOCUS

Organize students to interact with content. Competition is an important part of basketball culture for students as both participants and fans. Experiencing competition as a way to enhance sport experience is oftentimes a challenging balancing act. However, this type of interaction is essential as we work to encourage students to view basketball (and other sports) as a lifetime physical activity for both health enhancement and social interaction. It’s important to take five minutes to debrief this experience in order to teach the meaning and importance of healthy competition.
STUDENT TARGETS

- **Skill:** I will demonstrate a fake (v-cut or jab step) and a give and go in order to create open space to make or receive passes.
- **Cognitive:** I will discuss offensive tactics used in basketball.
- **Fitness:** I will stay actively engaged at the intensity needed to raise my heart rate.
- **Personal & Social Responsibility:** I will demonstrate rules and etiquette of basketball by self-officiating.

TEACHING CUES

- Pass and Cut; Give and Go
- Off the Ball Defensive Position: Hand in the Passing Lane
- On the Ball Defensive Position: Ball-Me-Basket Alignment

ACTIVITY SET-UP & PROCEDURE

**Equipment:**
- 4–6 basketball goals (i.e., baskets)
- 2 pinnies or wristbands per goal
- 1 basketball per group of 3 students

**Set-Up:**
1. Using pinnies or colored wristbands, identify 2 students per hoop as defenders.
2. Divide the remaining students into groups of 3, each group with a ball.

**Activity Procedures:**
1. Today’s activity is called 3 to a Hoop. The object of the game is for you and your teammates to score baskets at each of the active hoops. There will be 2 defenders playing defense at each hoop.
2. On the start signal, your team will start to attack 1 of the hoops by passing, cutting, and dribbling toward a basket. You must make 3 passes before taking a shot.
3. As you approach a hoop, 2 defenders will try to stop you from scoring. If the defenders steal your ball or get a defensive rebound, they will give the ball back to you and your team must attack a different hoop. You can continue at the same hoop if you get an offensive rebound. More than 1 team may attack a hoop at the same time; be careful and take advantage while the defense is distracted.
4. As soon as you score a basket at a hoop, your team will pass, cut, and dribble to the next hoop. Try to score at all active hoops. After 3 minutes, we’ll switch defenders.

**Grade Level Progression:**
- *6th–7th:* Play the activity as described above.
- *8th:* Capture the Corner modification: Create even teams of 2 or 3. Send a team to each goal to play as defenders. All other teams with a basketball. When a team scores at a goal, they “capture the goal” and are the new defenders. The previous defenders take the ball and attack a different goal.
THREE TO A HOOP

UNIVERSAL DESIGN ADAPTATIONS

- Decrease the height of the goals or provide goals at different heights, allowing students to choose.
- Decrease the number of defenders at each goal.
- Modify the rules for passing, traveling, and double dribbling.
- Use clear and brightly colored markers to help students visualize boundaries and pathways.

ACADEMIC LANGUAGE

Defense, Drop Step, Fake, Foul, Give and Go, Jab Step, Offense, Passing Lane, Pathway, Pivot, Slide, V-Cut, Violation

STANDARDS & OUTCOMES ADDRESSED

- **Standard 2 [6.a,d]** Refine and adapt individual and group activity skills by applying concepts of relationships, effort, spatial awareness, speed, and pathways (a); Describe basic offensive and defensive strategies in noncomplex, modified, and small-sided activities (d).
- **Standard 2 [7.d]** Analyze skill patterns and movement performance of self and others, detecting and correcting mechanical errors and describing balance in the planes of movement for selected movements (d).
- **Standard 2 [8.c,d,e]** Explain how offensive and defensive tactics and strategies are used to gain an advantage offensively and defensively (c); Analyze performance in a variety of selected skills/activities using movement concepts of agility, power, coordination, reaction time, speed, force, motion, rotation, and energy of self and partner (d); Analyze movement progressions (practice, self or peer assess, correct, practice at a higher level, and reassess) of a specific skill and utilize feedback to improve the movement skills of self and/or others (e).
- **Standard 4 [8.c]** Identify and demonstrate proper etiquette, respect for others, integrity, and teamwork while engaging in physical activity and/or social dance (c).

DEBRIEF QUESTIONS

- DOK 1: What is a tactic?
- DOK 2: What do you know about the offensive tactics used in basketball?
- DOK 3: How is each offensive tactic related to opening space?
- DOK 1: What is self-officiating?
- DOK 2: How does self-officiating apply to this activity?
- DOK 3: How is self-officiating related to basketball as a lifetime activity?

TEACHING STRATEGY FOCUS

Help students practice skills, strategies, and processes. Self-officiating is an important skill and strategy for playing basketball recreationally, in an unstructured activity environment. In today’s world, most students do not grow-up with examples of self-officiating and therefore must be taught this skill. Set general guidelines for self-officiating (e.g., call your own fouls) and then provide ongoing, constructive feedback as students work to improve their ability to self-officiate their play.
Activity Procedures:
1. Today’s activity is called Challenger. The object is to make a basket before your challenger does.
2. The first 2 players in each line will pick up a basketball and meet at the foul line — they are the challengers.
3. On the start signal, the challengers will dribble 5 times, then tap their basketballs together. As soon as a tap is made, both players can shoot at the hoop. If players miss their shots, they will rebound and shoot again. It’s okay to dribble closer to the hoop for an easier shot. This continues until 1 challenger scores a basket.
4. The challenger who scores becomes the champion and takes on a new challenger from the line. The player who does not score rotates clockwise to the next hoop and waits to challenge another player.

Grade Level Progression:
6th–7th: Play the activity as described above.
8th: Designate 1 goal as the “champions” goal. When students win 3 challenges in a row at a goal, they become champions and move to the champions goal to face off with another champion. Winners at the champion goal get to wear an invisible champion belt for the rest of the day.
• Decrease the height of the goals
• Decrease shooting distance
• Pair students and play 2v2 with a high-skilled player helping students who have unique needs.

Actively Engaged, Challenge, Follow-Through, Growth Mindset, Improve, Self-Talk, Skill

STANDARDS & OUTCOMES ADDRESSED

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• **Standard 4 [8.c]** Identify and demonstrate proper etiquette, respect for others, integrity, and teamwork while engaging in physical activity and/or social dance (c).

DEBRIEF QUESTIONS

• **DOK 1:** How would you describe a growth mindset?
• **DOK 2:** How would you summarize your mindset in relation to learning and improving your basketball skills?
• **DOK 3:** How is self-talk related to a growth mindset?

• **DOK 1:** What are possible positive ways to cope with a challenging situation or a difficult performance task?
• **DOK 2:** How can you apply what you know about growth mindset to help you respond to challenges in a positive way?

TEACHING STRATEGY FOCUS

Help students examine their reasoning. Talking at students about a growth mindset is only a part of helping them develop this incredibly important characteristic. Take time at the end of your lesson to guide students through extended thinking questions and exercises to help them examine their mindset, their self-talk, and ways to improved them.
POKE

STUDENT TARGETS

- **Skill**: I will demonstrate a variety of offensive tactics to create open space.
- **Cognitive**: I will discuss offensive tactics used in basketball.
- **Fitness**: I will stay actively engaged at the intensity needed to raise my heart rate.
- **Personal & Social Responsibility**: I will demonstrate the rules and etiquette of basketball by self-officiating.

TEACHING CUES

- **Offense**: Create Space
- **Defense**: Close Space

ACTIVITY SET-UP & PROCEDURE

**Equipment:**

- 1 spot marker per student (use an equal number of each available color — 6 color sets are ideal)
- 1 ball per group of 3 students
- 3 small foam noodles (12–24 inches)

**Set-Up:**

1. Scatter spot markers throughout the activity area.
2. Identify 3 players as defenders, each defender with a foam noodle.
3. Create teams of 3 and assign a spot color to each team.
4. Each team with 1 ball.
5. All players begin standing with their teammates with 1 foot on a spot that matches their team’s color.

**Activity Procedures:**

1. Today’s activity is POKE (**P**ass **O**r **K**eep **E**vading). The object of the game is to evade — or keep away from — the defenders. You’ll do that by dribbling to a new spot that matches your team’s color or passing to a teammate on a spot that matches your team’s color.
2. On the start signal, defenders will work to poke basketballs with the noodle. Everyone else: quickly spread out, find open spots that match your team’s color, and either dribble or pass to the spot. As soon as you touch a new spot while holding the ball, dribble or pass to a new spot.
3. If your ball is poked by a defender, the last person to touch your team’s ball will trade places with the tagger, and you will have a new teammate. New defenders must move to a different team before returning to poke the ball from their former teammates.

**Grade Level Progression:**

- **6th**: Play the game above with no defense. Players must dribble to a spot, then pass to a spot, then dribble to a spot, and then pass — continuing this pattern and counting spots.
- **7th**: Play the activity as described above.
- **8th**: Increase the number of defenders.
• Increase the length of the foam noodle used by defenders.  
• Increase or decrease the size of the activity area based on the needs of your students. 
• Increase the size and number of spot markers. 

**STANDARDS & OUTCOMES ADDRESSED**

**Standard 1 [6.a,d]** Combine and apply mature locomotor and manipulative skills into specialized sequences, to include overhand and underhand throwing and catching, execution to a target, hand and/or foot dribbling; and apply sequences, to include change of direction, speed, patterns, pathways, and spatial relationships in partner and small-group modified game-play that includes dynamic and unpredictable situations (a); Analyze movement situations for direction, speed, accuracy, and pathways to improve performance (d).

**Standard 1 [7.a,b]** Demonstrate and apply mature movement forms and skill combinations competently in a variety of cooperative and tactical activities that include dynamic and unpredictable situations (a); Demonstrate offensive strategies and tactics, to include creating open space, skilled movement, speed, accuracy, and selection of appropriate skill/tactic to gain offensive advantage (b).

**Standard 1 [8.a,c]** Demonstrate and apply movement forms to a variety of cooperative and tactical activities that include dynamic and unpredictable situations with a focus on defensive strategies, to include reducing space, transitioning from offense to defense quickly, communicating with teammates, and selecting appropriate tactics to gain defensive advantage (a); Demonstrate skill-related components of fitness (agility, balance, coordination, power, reaction time, and speed) specific to a variety of activities (c).

**Standard 4 [7.a]** Apply safety procedures, rules, and appropriate etiquette in physical activity settings by self-officiating modified physical activities/games (a).

**DEBRIEF QUESTIONS**

• **DOK 1:** How would you describe a give and go?  
• **DOK 2:** How can you apply a give and go during a game of POKE?  
• **DOK 3:** How is skill-related fitness related to the give and go?  

• **DOK 1:** How can you recognize safe behaviors in a game of POKE?  
• **DOK 2:** How would you summarize the importance of safety in a game of POKE?  
• **DOK 3:** How is safety related to learning in physical education class?

**TEACHING STRATEGY FOCUS**

Organize students to interact with content. Small sided games like POKE are essential teaching tools for helping students practice and develop their basketball skills. By creating a dynamic environment with limited stills and tactics to consider, we’re allow students to interact with a game-like environment while focusing on the content we’re helping them develop.
STUDENT TARGETS

- **Skill**: I will transition from offense to defense and demonstrate defensive tactics to reduce open space.
- **Cognitive**: I will discuss defensive tactics used in basketball.
- **Fitness**: I will stay actively engaged at the intensity needed to raise my heart rate.
- **Personal & Social Responsibility**: I will demonstrate the rules and etiquette of basketball by self-officiating.

TEACHING CUES

- **Offense**: Create Space
- **Defense**: Close Space
- **Shoot in Your Range**

ACTIVITY SET-UP & PROCEDURE

**Equipment**:
- 3–6 basketball hoops
- 2 pinnies (of 1 color) per hoop
- 1 pinnie of another color per hoop
- 1 basketball per hoop
- Half-Court Rules Poster

**Set-Up**:
1. Create teams of 2. Send 2 teams to each hoop, 1 team of them pinnies.
2. Designate 1 player with a separate color pinnie as “Kareem” to play on the high post (elbow to elbow).
3. There should be a total of 5 players and 1 ball per hoop.

**Activity Procedures**:
1. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is a Hall of Fame center with 6 NBA Championships as a Los Angeles Laker. He was named to the NBA All-Star Team 19 times. In this game of 2v2, we will have 1 player on the post who plays offense for both teams (creating a 3v2 situation). The post player must stay on the foul line (the high post).
2. The object of the game is for your team to score as many baskets as you can. Normal 2v2 half-court rules apply. However, the post player (Kareem Abdul-Jabbar) will always be on offense and can pass, dribble, and shoot as long as she/he doesn’t move more than 1 step away from the foul line. She/he can move from 1 side of the foul line to the other (elbow to elbow), but cannot drive to the basket or step out past the 3-point line. After 2 or 3 minutes, we’ll rotate players playing as Kareem.

**Grade Level Progression**:
- 6th–7th: Play the activity as described above.
- 8th: Play 3v3 basketball without a high-post player.
• Decrease the height of goals.
• Designate high-skilled players helping as the post players for students who have unique needs.

Etiquette, Foul, Give and Go, Passing Lane, Pivot, Open Space, Recover, Reduce Space, Tactic, Triple Threat, Transition, V-Cut

• **Standard 2 [6.a,d]** Refine and adapt individual and group activity skills by applying concepts of relationships, effort, spatial awareness, speed, and pathways (a); Describe basic offensive and defensive strategies in noncomplex, modified, and small-sided activities (d).
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**DEBRIEF QUESTIONS**

• **DOK 1:** What is a passing lane?
• **DOK 2:** How would you apply defensive tactics in order to close a passing lane?
How would you apply an offensive tactic in order to open a passing lane?
• **DOK 3:** How is a v-cut related to opening a passing lane?

• **DOK 1:** What would you include on a list about self-officiating?
• **DOK 2:** How can you apply conflict resolution strategies to self-officiating situations?

**TEACHING STRATEGY FOCUS**

Help students engage in cognitively complex tasks. The game of basketball requires a complex combination of motor-skill competence and tactical execution. Providing a post player to create a 3v2 situation can help students be successful in creating open space and executing offensive tactics that they have not yet mastered. If students are ready to navigate the dynamics of a 3v3 situation, remove the post player and allow students to progress.
STUDENT TARGETS

- **Skill:** I will demonstrate the basketball skills learned throughout this module.
- **Cognitive:** I will use the academic language of basketball during group discussions.
- **Fitness:** I will stay actively engaged at the intensity needed to raise my heart rate.
- **Personal & Social Responsibility:** I will use positive language to encourage my classmates and avoid trash talk or negative criticism.

TEACHING CUES

- Focus on Fundamentals
- Use Positive Language to Create a Positive Learning Environment

ACTIVITY SET-UP & PROCEDURE

**Equipment:**
- 24 low-profile cones
- 1 large cone and task tent per station
- Self-assessments and/or SEL Journals
- Station music and music player
- See station cards for equipment needs

**Set-Up:**
1. Using low-profile cones, create 6–10 grids (depending on size of class and activity area).
2. Set station cards up on tall cones in each grid.
3. Set up each station according to its station card.
4. Designate 1 station as an assessment station.
5. Create groups of 2–4 students, with each group at a different station.

**Activity Procedures:**
1. It's time for Can't Stop Me Stations. At each station, you'll play 1 of your favorite games from earlier in this module — Dribble Stoppers, Money in the Bank, Challenger, and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.
2. When the music starts, begin working at your station. When it stops, you'll have 1 minute to clean up the station equipment and rotate to the next station. Wait until the music begins again before you start the activity at the new station.

**Grade Level Progression:**
6th–7th: Play the activity as described above.
8th: Allow students to create their own basketball skill stations.
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Can’t Stop Me Stations

Universal Design Adaptations
- Some students may need step-by-step assistance with clean-up and rotation.
- Choose modifications from the activity pages that correspond to each station.

Academic Language

Select words to review from previous lessons.

Standards & Outcomes Addressed
- See standards and outcomes from the activity plans used for each station.
- Standard 4 [7.a,c,e,h] Apply safety procedures, rules, and appropriate etiquette in physical activity settings by self-officiating modified physical activities/games (a); Explain the importance of cooperating with classmates, and demonstrate supportive behaviors that promote the inclusion and safety of others (c); Demonstrate effective communication skills by providing feedback to a peer, using appropriate tone and other communication skills (e); Identify specific safety concerns associated with at least one activity that includes rules, equipment, and etiquette (h).
- Standard 4 [8.c] Identify and demonstrate proper etiquette, respect for others, integrity, and teamwork while engaging in physical activity and/or social dance (c).

Debrief Questions

Use this opportunity to review DOK topics that students previously found challenging.

Teaching Strategy Focus

Organizing students to interact with content: The use of grids to organize students into learning stations is an effective way to manage activity, assessment, and cooperative learning opportunities. Practice using this format several times before attempting to facilitate an assessment experience. Students need time to master the management aspects of station work. However, once this routine is learned, it often becomes an essential management tool in physical education.
SAMPLE LESSON PLAN

FOCUS OUTCOMES

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• **Standard 4 [7.h]** Identify specific safety concerns associated with at least one activity that includes rules, equipment, and etiquette (h).

FOCUS TARGETS

• **Skill:** I will demonstrate critical cues for passing, receiving, and dribbling.

• **Cognitive:** I will discuss the importance of critical cues and their role in skill development.

• **Fitness:** I will remain active and accumulate MVPA minutes.

• **Personal & Social Responsibility:** I will cooperate with a variety of partners, respecting all skill levels.

ACADEMIC LANGUAGE

• Basketball
• Cooperate
• Critical Cue
• Dominant Hand
• Dribble
• Non-Dominant Hand
• Respect

SELECTED ASSESSMENT

• Self-Assessment
• Basketball SEL Journal
### SAMPLE LESSON PLAN

#### TRANSITION NOTES

1. **Instant Activity**
   - Introduce the basketball module with an emphasis on lifelong physical activity and social and emotional learning (SEL). Briefly discuss the SEL Journal and Self-Assessment.

   Pair students, each pair with 1 ball standing together in the activity area.

2. **Learning Task**
   - Pair students with the last partner they passed with in Toss 3. Pairs move to a spot marker. Review critical cues for bounce pass. Begin activity.

3. **Learning Task**
   - Pairs pick up floor spots and stack them in the equipment area. All players with a ball on the end line. Choose 3 players as Dribble Stoppers; they return balls to ball rack.

4. **Exit Assessment**
   - Each student receives a Basketball SEL Journal and pen/pencil. Give students 5 minutes at the end of the lesson to complete page 1 of the journal with a focus on self-reflection. Read and then discuss journal entries at the start of the next class. It’s important to keep discussion about journals general so that students feel they can write without fear of exposure. If you’d like a student to share a specific entry, ask them in private before the next class, allowing them time to prepare.

#### ACTIVITY

- **Toss 3 (Secondary Instant Activity Module)**

- **All-Star Passing**

- **Dribble Stoppers**

#### DEBRIEF

- Use debrief time for students to complete Self-Assessment.

- **DOK 1**: What is a critical cue?

- **DOK 2**: How can you apply critical cues in practice?

- **DOK 3**: How well were you able to perform passing critical cues during today’s activity? Give details about your performance.

- **DOK 1**: What is personal responsibility?

- **DOK 2**: Summarize the importance of personal responsibility in physical education class.

- **DOK 3**: How is personal responsibility related to participation in basketball?
ACTIVELY ENGAGE

(verb)

To participate in an activity while showing genuine interest and a desire for excellence.

Caroline actively engages in physical education class because she likes basketball and wants to improve her skills.
BASKETBALL
(noun)

A game played between two teams of five players in which goals are scored by throwing a ball through a netted hoop fixed above each end of the court.

Preston’s favorite sport was basketball. He loves the fast pace and dynamic play.
CHALLENGE

(noun)
Something that presents difficulty and requires effort to master or achieve.

My teammate was very fast, so it was a challenge to catch her before she got to the other side of the court.
CONTROL

(verb)
To manage or regulate the movement or actions of something.

Kira was able to control the ball by carefully shooting free throws during critical moments of the game.
COOPERATE
(verb)
To act with others toward the same end or purpose.

The team *cooperated* during the game and scored multiple times.
CRITICAL CUES
(noun)
Words or phrases that help you remember the individual parts of a skill that are important to successful performance.

Luke used critical cues to help him perform all of the elements of a layup correctly.
CULTURE

(noun)
The behaviors, customs, arts, and beliefs that are characteristic of a particular social, ethnic, or age group.

Basketball is a big part of American culture throughout the United States, in urban, suburban and rural areas alike.
CUT
(verb)

An offensive movement in which a player without the ball moves into open space using a sharp and quick movement.

Halsey cut into open space in order to get open to receive a pass.
DEFENSE

(noun)
The team or players in a game or sport who are trying to steal away possession of the ball and stop their opponent from scoring a goal or point.

The defense used a zone to cover as much space as possible.
DEFENSIVE READY POSITION
(noun)

A stance that allows a defender to quickly move in any direction in order to create a disadvantage for the offense. The defender's weight is on the balls of the feet, arms are extended with palms up, and eyes are on the midsection of the offensive player.

Malone stood in defensive ready position because he knew that Ava could receive a pass and attempt to score at any moment.
DOMINANT HAND

(noun)

The hand that a person prefers to use for manipulative and fine-motor skills.

Calvin uses his right hand to shoot a layup because that is his dominant hand.
DRIBBLE
(verb)

To maneuver a ball under the control of a single player. Soccer requires foot dribbling. Basketball requires hand dribbling. Floor hockey requires stick dribbling.

Dribble the ball as fast as you can in order to beat defenders down the court.
DROP STEP
(noun)
An athletic movement in which a player pivots backward into open space.

TJ practiced his drop step until he could perform it perfectly.
ENCOURAGEMENT
(noun)

Support, confidence, or hope offered by someone or some event.

The friends gave each other constant encouragement in order to help each other build self-confidence during the most difficult parts of the basketball game.
ETIQUETTE
(noun)

The set of customary or acceptable behaviors among members of a group or in a specific setting.

Kurt practiced good etiquette in physical education class because he wanted to help create an environment that would help his classmates learn.
EVADE
(verb)
To escape or avoid a person or thing.

While playing offense, Damian slipped away and evaded the defender to complete his layup.
FAKE

(noun)
A tactic used by an offensive player in which the player pretends to do cut, pass, or shoot in order to deceive an opponent.

Marie faked a movement to the right but then ran to the left in order to avoid her defender.
FOLLOW THROUGH (verb)

To continue moving after an object has been kicked, struck, or thrown.

Follow through during your free throws so that your form is consistent and repetitive.
FOUL
(noun)
An unfair or invalid piece of play.

The referee called a **foul** when Barry hit Sara’s hand during her shot.
GIVE AND GO

(noun)

A movement in which a player passes to a teammate and immediately cuts toward the net or goal in order to receive a return pass.

John performed a give and go with Brandon in order to get into position for a shot inside the lane.
GRATITUDE

(noun)
The quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness.

At the end of the game, we showed gratitude toward the coach for leading us to the championship by showering him with sport drink.
GROWTH MINDSET
(noun)
Defined by psychologist Carol Dweck as a belief that abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work; raw talent and common knowledge are just starting points.

Luke has a growth mindset. He understands that correcting the mistakes he made during practice will help him to improve his form and technique.
IMPROVE

(verb)
To achieve a higher standard or quality; to make or become better.

Amanda practiced free throw shots so often that she improved greatly.
INTENSITY

(noun)
The amount of exertion used when performing an exercise or activity.

Every day, we should get at least 60 minutes of physical activity that is at a moderate to vigorous intensity.
JAB STEP
(noun)

A strategic offensive movement in which an offensive player takes a short, quick, and hard step toward a defender in an effort to move the defender back and create space in between the two players.

Brian performed a **jab step** in order to get Margaret to step backward.
LEADING PASS

(noun)

A pass that is made just ahead of a cutting player, giving the receiving player the ability to continue movement while catching the pass.

Leading passes help to keep the play moving forward and allow the player to progress down the court to the hoop.
LEARNING ENVIRONMENT
(noun)

Any physical location where students gain knowledge or skill.

If we all try our best, respect each other, and play by the rules, physical education class will be a great learning environment.
MVPA

(adjective)

Moderate to vigorous physical activity. A range describing the level of activity with an intensity between medium and high that is shown to be beneficial to a person's health-related fitness.

Basketball is an MVPA activity because it keeps your heart rate up for almost the whole time.
NON-DOMINANT HAND
(adjective)
The hand or foot that a person does not prefer to use for manipulative or fine-motor skills.

Ellen’s shot wasn't as strong as usual because she was forced to use her non-dominant hand.
OFFENSE
(noun)

The team or players in a game or sport who are attempting to score or move the ball forward.

The offense needed to score one more time in order to win the game.
OPEN SPACE
(noun)
An area of general space with no obstacles where people or objects can move freely.

Karen knew that she could receive a pass more easily if she moved into open space.
PASS
(verb)
To move an object from one space to another.

The offense did a good job of passing the ball, and everyone on the team had a chance to participate.
PASS-READY POSITION

(verb)

A ready position in which an offensive player is showing hands to a teammate with the ball as an indication she or he is ready to receive a pass.

DeAndre was in a pass-ready position with his hands up, ready to receive the ball from his teammate.
PASSING LANE

(noun)
The open space through which a ball can travel from passer to receiver.

Anthony threw the ball to Alex and hoped that a defender wouldn't step into the passing lane to deny it.
PATHWAY

(noun)

A course or track along which a body or object moves as it travels through general space.

In a game of basketball, Marcus knows that he must vary the pathways he uses to travel in order to evade the defenders.
PERSEVERANCE

(noun)

Continued effort to do or achieve something despite difficulties, failure, or opposition.

Kendra's team was losing by 12 points, but their perseverance helped them score 14 unanswered points and get back in the game.
PIVOT
(verb)
To keep one foot in place while moving the other foot one step in any direction.

Colleen pivoted around while she looked for an open teammate who could receive a pass.
POSITIVE LANGUAGE
(noun)
A method of verbal communication that uses an optimistic tone and focuses on what is good or can be improved in a given situation, task, or environment.

Jose used positive language during intramural basketball games because he loved having fun and being active with his friends, and he wanted them to have fun too.
RECEIVE

(verb)

To have someone successfully pass something to you.

Phoebe prepared to receive the inbound pass from her teammate before the game clock started ticking down.
RECOVER

(verb)

To find or regain possession of something that was stolen or lost.

The defender recovered the ball from the offense by jumping into the passing lane.
To make smaller or lesser in amount, degree, or size.

The defensive team reduced space inside the key in order to make it difficult for the offense to take shots from inside the paint.
RESPECT
(noun)

A feeling of deep admiration for someone or something due to their abilities, qualities, or achievements.

Andy has a lot of respect for the way Sid practices every day.
RESOURCE

(noun)
An item or strategy that can be used to achieve a goal.

Kenny had to use all of his resources in order to successfully defend against the dominant offensive player.
SELF-IMPROVEMENT
(noun)

The betterment of your own knowledge, status, or character.

Kennedy developed a plan for self-improvement to help increase her accuracy when shooting three-point shots.
SELF-MANAGEMENT
(noun)
Control over yourself that allows you to take responsibility for your own actions and well-being.

Bodie created a plan for self-management so that he would receive fewer penalties during a game.
SELF-TALK

(noun)
Talking to yourself, either aloud or silently.

Meek uses positive self-talk to help him feel more confident while shooting free throws.
SHOOT
(verb)
To send a ball or object toward a goal or target in order to score a point.

Shoot the ball when you get past your defender.
SHOOTING RANGE
(noun)

An area around the basketball goal in which a player has the best chance of making a shot based on skill level and physical development.

LeBron was practicing shots inside of the 3-point line because that area is within his shooting range.
SKILL
(noun)

An ability specific to a task.

Victor was able to learn a few new skills because he practiced and worked hard.
SLIDE
(verb)

Sideward movement with one foot leading in the direction of the movement and the other foot following in a step-together pattern. Feet do not cross.

Quentin decided to slide to the left in order to move into open space.
SOCIAL DYNAMICS (noun)

Group relationships formed through individual and group-level interactions and formed through the behaviors and attitudes of all group members.

The social dynamics of physical education class can have an important impact on overall enjoyment and learning.
SOCIAL INTERACTION
(noun)

What happens when two or more people talk or exchange nonverbal cues.

The social interactions of the team were positive and constructive, which allowed all members to contribute to the group’s success.
SUPPORT

(verb)
To give help, assistance, and encouragement to someone or something.

If we all support one another, everyone will have fun and improve together.
TACTIC
(noun)

An action or strategy that helps in achieving a specific goal.

The team needs both offensive and defensive tactics in order to win a game.
TRANSITION
(noun)

The process or a period of changing.

A good player can quickly transition from offense to defense at a moment's notice.
TRASH TALK
(noun)
Insults intended to demoralize, intimidate, or humiliate someone, especially an opponent.

Trash talk is not appropriate during physical education class or sporting events.
TRAVEL
(verb)
To control and walk/run (but not dribble) a live basketball inbounds. This is an illegal movement.

Javon was charged with traveling when he changed his pivot foot while attempting to pass the ball.
TRIPLE THREAT

(noun)

A position that allows a player to be ready to either shoot, pass, or dribble. It involves spreading the feet shoulder-width apart, slightly bending the knees, and being ready to shoot at any time.

Alyssa's **triple threat** position gave her a lot of options about what she could choose to do next.
**V-CUT**

(adjective)

A play in basketball in which the offensive player cuts inside the three point line, plants their foot, and then explodes out to receive the ball.

Organe can execute a **v-cut** with perfection and make a three point shot during key moments of the game.
VIOLATION
(noun)
An infringement of the rules in sports that is less serious than a foul and usually involves technicalities of play.

Marshmello had a violation called on him by the referee after he committed an offensive foul.
DRIBBLE STOPPERS

Equipment
- 1 basketball for all players but 1

How to play
1. This is Dribble Stoppers! The object is to dribble through open space while protecting your basketball from defenders.
2. When the defender says, "GO," dribble across the activity area to the other side while avoiding defenders.
3. If your ball is tagged by a defender (any touch on the ball) or goes out of bounds, place it on the ball rack and re-enter the game as a defender.
4. When untagged players are safe on the other side, repeat in the opposite direction.

Set-Up
- Students with a ball line up on 1 end of the activity area.
- Designate 1 player as a defender in the center of the activity area.
MONEY IN THE BANK

Equipment
- 6 spot markers per goal
- 2 basketballs per goal

Set-up
- 6 spot markers in an arc in front of the goal; 1 spot on each low block, 2 in front, and 2 in between the blocks and the front of the goal.
- 2 teams line up on opposite blocks.

How to play
1. Put 10 bucks in the bank at every spot. Shots are worth 2 bucks, and follow-up shots are worth 1.
2. Player 1 shoots from low block. If she/he makes the shot, rebound it and pass to the next player.
3. If missed, get the rebound and take only 1 follow-up shot.
4. Continue until your team puts 10 bucks in the bank from that spot, then move to the next spot and continue.
Set-Up
• Place the hula hoop at the top of the key.
• Place 2 basketballs in the hula hoop.
• Make 1 line behind the hula hoop.

How to play
1. This is Challenger. The object is to make a basket before your challenger.
2. The first 2 players in line will pick up a ball and meet at the foul line — they are the challengers.
3. The challengers dribble 5 times, then tap basketballs together. After the tap, both players shoot. If missed, rebound and shoot again. You can dribble closer for an easier shot. Continue until 1 challenger scores a basket.
4. The player who scores is the champion and takes on the next challenger in line. The player who does not score goes to the back of the line.

Equipment
• 2 basketballs
• 1 hula hoop
**KAREEM ABDUL-JABBAR**

**Set-Up**
- Create teams of 2. Send 2 teams to each hoop, 1 of them with pinnies.
- Designate 1 player with a separate color pinnie as “Kareem” to play on the high post (elbow to elbow).
- 5 players and 1 ball per hoop.

**How to play**
1. In this game of 2v2, we will have 1 player on the post who plays offense for both teams (creating a 3v2 situation). The post player must stay on the foul line (the high post).
2. The object of the game is for your team to score as many baskets as you can. Normal 2v2 half-court rules apply. However, the post player will always be on offense and can pass, dribble, and shoot as long as she/he doesn't move more than 1 step away from the foul line.

**Equipment**
- 2 pinnies (of 1 color)
- 1 pinnie of another
- 1 basketball
- Half-Court Rules Poster
### Critical Elements
- Knees Bent, Fingers Spread Wide
- Eyes Up (See the Court)
- Push the Ball Down with Finger Pads
- Give with the Ball Up to Your Waist
- Push Down Again with Finger Pads
- Non-Dribbling Hand Protects the Ball

### Coaching Words
- Knees Bent, Eyes Up
- Finger Pad Push
- Give to Your Waist
- Protect the Ball
**Critical Elements**
- Balance the Ball Up on Shooting Hand Platter
- Elbow Directly Under the Ball, Aligned with Front Knee
- Eyes on the Back of the Rim
- Follow Through with Wrist Snap High and Away

**Coaching Words (BEEF)**
- Balance on the Platter
- Elbow Under the Ball
- Eyes on Target
- Follow-Through Snap
**CHEST PASS**

**Critical Elements**
- Two Hands on the Ball (East & West)
- Step Toward Your Target
- Extend Arms Straight Out
- Rotate Palms Outward (Chest Height)
- Push the Ball to Your Target
- Extend to Follow Through (Palms Out)

**Coaching Words**
- Two Hand East & West
- Step to Target
- Extend Out
- Rotate Palms Chest Height
- Push to Target
- Follow Through Palms Out
**BOUNCE PASS**

**Critical Elements**
- Two Hands on the Ball (East & West)
- Step Toward Your Target
- Extend Arms Out and Down at an Angle
- Rotate Palms Outward (Out Front to the Floor)
- Push the Ball to the Floor, 2/3 The Way to Your Target
- Extend to Follow Through (Palms Out)

**Coaching Words**
- Two Hand East & West
- Step to Target
- Extend Out, Angled Down
- Rotate Palms Out and Down
- Push to 2/3 to Target
- Follow Through Palms Out
### Critical Elements
- Feet Shoulder-Width Balanced and Ready
- Balls of Feet, Balanced and Ready
- Knees Bent, Balanced and Ready
- Arms and Hands Out with Palms to the Offense
- Back Straight
- Eyes on Waist

### Coaching Words
- Wide Base, Knees Bent
- Feet Balanced and Ready
- Active Hands
- Back Straight
- Eyes on Waist
# Defensive Shuffle

## Critical Elements
- Good Defensive Position
- Lead Foot Step
- Push and Shuffle with Trail Leg
- Fast, Explosive Feet

## Coaching Words
- Defensive Position
- Shuffle Step Then Explode
- Fast Feet, Active Hands
RPS Jump Ball
A team representative plays Rock, Paper, Scissors. The winner’s team starts with the ball.

Check it Up
Each possession after a dead ball begins with a “check.” One player from the offensive team starts at the top of the 3-point arc and bounce passes it to the defender covering her/him. The defender “checks” with her/his teammates to make sure everyone on defense is ready, and then makes a bounce pass back to the offense. As soon as the ball is caught by the offense, play begins.

Take it Back
If the non-shooting team gets the rebound, the ball must be dribbled or passed behind the free throw line before another basket can be made.

Call Your Own Fouls
The offensive player shooting and the defender on the ball can call defensive fouls. The ball is checked to restart play after a foul. If there is a disagreement about a foul that lasts more than 30 seconds, a member of either team can call for an RPS Jump Ball to settle the dispute.

Everything is Two
All baskets are worth 2 points. There are no 3-point shots or foul shots.

The Basic Violations Are in Effect:
- No Traveling
- No Double Dribbling
- No Kicking
- No Personal Contact (with the exception of box-outs and picks)
Universal Design for Learning (UDL) is a strategy for eliminating instructional and environmental barriers for every member of a learning community in order to meet the needs of all students across the continuum of physical, intellectual, and emotional abilities. Although we acknowledge that it would be impossible to build one curriculum to meet the needs of every single child, we strongly believe that striving to maximize the active and meaningful participation for all students is a core responsibility of every educator.

OPEN has embraced this responsibility by working to create suggested Universal Design Adaptations that serve to act as baseline recommendations for modifying learning activities. The text *Strategies for Inclusion: A Handbook for Physical Educators* by Lauren J. Lieberman and Cathy Houston-Wilson provides the foundation for our work in this area.

The table below offers additional adaptations in an effort to move closer to the ideal of Universal Design.

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Choose the level that describes your current skills and color that number of stars in the space provided for your assessment. If this is your pre-assessment, choose another level in the “GOAL” column to show how much you’d like to improve your skills after some practice and hard work.

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<td>Support, confidence, or hope offered by someone or some event.</td>
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b. Defense  
c. Dribble  
d. Control | a. Help Facts  
b. Critical Cues  
c. Lesson Plans  
d. Drills |
| 3 | A tactic used by the offense in which a player pretends to make a move to deceive an opponent. | An unfair or invalid piece of play. |
| 4 | a. Pass  
b. Shot  
c. Fake  
d. Cut | a. Encouragement  
b. Excitement  
c. Sportsmanship  
d. Etiquette |
| 5 | When a player passes and then cuts to the goal in order to receive a return pass. | Continued effort despite difficulties, failure, or opposition. |
| 6 | a. Fake  
b. Dribble  
c. Drop Step  
d. Follow-Through | a. Technical  
b. Strike  
c. Foul  
d. Free Throw |
| 7 | a. Cut  
b. V-Cut  
c. Pick and Roll  
d. Give and Go | a. Follow through  
b. Heart of the Game  
c. Spirit of the Game  
d. Perseverance |
**Skill**  | **Personal & Social Responsibility (PSR)**
---|---
**Proficient** 4 | Consistently performs offensive and defensive skills with control, using critical cues. Executes each skill in combination with locomotor and manipulative skills. Executes offensive and defensive tactics in dynamic game environments. Conducts herself/himself safely and with consideration for others. Completes each page of the SEL journal thoughtfully.

**Competent** 3 | Performs skills with occasional errors in form and outcome. Is able to perform skill combinations in dynamic game environments. Demonstrates understanding of game tactics. Conducts herself/himself safely without disrupting the learning environment. Completes each page of SEL Journal thoughtfully.


**Well Below Competence** 1 | Displays unsatisfactory effort. Often breaks safety rules and disrupts the learning environment. Does not complete SEL Journal.

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Student Journal for
Social and Emotional Learning

Name: ____________________________  Start Date: ____________________________

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OPENPhysEd.org
The OPEN Basketball Nation is a group of people from around the world who have made the choice to use basketball as a way to enjoy physical activity with friends, build a habit of perseverance, seek ways to help others, and cultivate a culture of gratitude.

On the pages of this journal, you will reflect on these purposeful choices with a focus on your personal experiences, beliefs, and efforts.

Welcome to the OPEN Basketball Nation.

REFLECTION 1: IT STARTS WITH YOU
IF NOT YOU, WHO?

Key Academic Language Words…

Learning Environment /noun/ Any physical location where students gain knowledge or skill.

Self-Awareness Questions
1. How can you recognize a positive learning environment?

2. How would you describe the learning environment in physical education class? (Remember to give examples.)

3. What are you doing to create a positive learning environment for you and your classmates?
Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, and others make it happen. – Michael Jordan

REFLECTION 2: IT STARTS WITH YOU
IF NOT YOU, WHO?

Key Academic Language Words

Self-Management /noun/ Control over yourself that allows you to take responsibility for your own actions and well-being.

Self-Management Questions
1. In your own words, what does self-management mean?

2. What do you notice about how you respond when you see a classmate who needs help?

3. What do you notice about how you respond when you see a classmate who feels left out?

4. Could you change your response in a way that would continue to create a more positive learning environment for your classmate?

5. How is your response related to the way your peers respond? Can you give specific examples?
Nothing is given. Everything is earned. – LeBron James

REFLECTION 3: BUILD HABITS
CHOOSE STRENGTH & PERSEVERE

Key Academic Language Words
Perseverance /noun/ Continued effort to do or achieve something despite difficulties, failure, or opposition.

Self-Management Questions
1. In your own words, what is perseverance?

2. How would you describe your ability to persevere?

3. What is emotional strength?

4. How is emotional strength related to perseverance?

5. How is your sense of well-being related to your ability to persevere through a challenge?
What do you do with a mistake? Recognize it, admit it, learn from it, forget it. – Dean Smith

REFLECTION 4: BUILD HABITS
CHOOSE STRENGTH & PERSEVERE

Key Academic Language Words
Self-Improvement /noun/ The betterment of your own knowledge, status, or character.

Responsible Decision-Making Questions
1. In your own words, what is self-improvement?

2. What can you learn about basketball, or what basketball skills can you develop, that will lead to self-improvement?

3. Why do you think these things will help you as a person? Give examples.

4. How is your mindset related to your ability to embrace opportunities for self-improvement and learning?
Do your best, one shot at a time, and then move on. – Nancy Lopez

REFLECTION 5: BUILD CHARACTER
HOW CAN I HELP?

Key Academic Language Words
Skill /noun/ An ability specific to a task.
Resource /noun/ A material item, person, group, collection of knowledge or special talent that can be used to achieve a goal or accomplish a task.

Self-Awareness Questions
1. In your own words, what is a skill? What is a resource?

2. How would you compare and/or contrast skills and resources?

3. What skills do I have that could help another person improve and/or overcome a challenge?

4. What resources do you have that could help?
Know what your core values are and always stick with them. – Lin Dunn

REFLECTION 6: BUILD CHARACTER
HOW CAN I HELP?

Key Academic Language Words

Social Dynamics /noun/ Group relationships formed through individual and group-level interactions and formed through the behaviors and attitudes of all group members.

Social-Awareness Questions
1. In your own words, what are social dynamics?

2. How can your behavior improve the social dynamics of your school?

3. How is your willingness to help others related to the social dynamics of your school?
I seek to leave the world a little better than I found it. – James Naismith

REFLECTION 7: BUILD CULTURE
EXPRESS GRATITUDE

Key Academic Language Words
Gratitude /noun/ The quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness.

Self-Awareness Questions
1. In your own words, what does gratitude mean?

2. What would you include on a list of things you’re grateful for?

3. How does expressing gratitude to others make you feel?
Great players are willing to give up their own personal achievement for the achievement of the group. It enhances everybody. – Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

REFLECTION 8: BUILD CULTURE
EXPRESS GRATITUDE

Key Academic Language Words

Culture /noun/ The behaviors, customs, arts, and beliefs that are characteristic of a particular social, ethnic, or age group.

Social-Awareness Questions
1. In your own words, what does culture mean?

2. How would you describe the culture of your physical education class?

3. How does expressing gratitude to others make them feel?

4. How does expressing gratitude help to improve the culture of your class?
We communicate all the time, even when we don’t realize it. Be aware of your body language. – Pat Summitt

**REFLECTION 9: BUILD CULTURE**

**EXPRESS GRATITUDE**

**Key Academic Language Words**

**Support /verb/** To give help, assistance, and encouragement to someone or something.

**Relationship Skills Question**

1. In your own words, what is support?

2. What would you include on a list of ways that you can express support others?

3. How can I apply what I know about self-awareness and social-awareness in order to help and support my classmates so they can grow and learn in positive ways?
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**Self-Rating with Rationale**

Choose One:

- Innovative (4); Proficient (3); Basic (2); Unsatisfactory (1)

Provide rationale:

- ✓ Evidence 1
- ✓ Evidence 2
- ✓ Evidence 3