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**Layers of Support:  
Using Canvas to  
Foster Engagement,  
Routines, and  
Inclusion**



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# Agenda

**01**

Structure

**02**

Engagement

**03**

Inclusion



# Session Objectives

- Build predictable routines
- Increase engagement
- Provide layers of support
- Strengthen inclusion

# Keeping It Real

- Canvas can overwhelm students—especially those with IEPs.
- **Our goal:** make Canvas a support, not a barrier.

# Why Routines Matter

- Builds confidence
- Reduces cognitive load
- Supports executive functioning
- Increases participation

# Home Page



# Consistent Home Page

- A strong Home Page includes:
  - Peek of the Week
  - Important links
  - Current modules
  - Announcements

# Welcome to Project Learning

Scroll down to view this week's schedule and events... ⚡

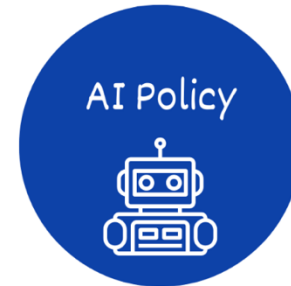


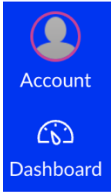
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### Important Links





- Home
- Announcements
- Grades
- Syllabus
- Modules
- Learning Coach
- Attendance



I am so excited you are here! Use the Peek of the Week below to stay on top of what is happening in the course. Your practice items and performance items will be located in the modules tab of the course.

- Mr. Dixon

## Project Learning Peek of the Week

Week #2      January 12-16, 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	IEP Management	Transition	Skilled Trades Fair	Academic Support	Executive Functioning
<b>Success Criteria</b>	I will know I am successful when I have completed a Reading and Math Freckle Assignment scoring at least 70%.	I will know I am successful when I have completed an updated Student Transition Survey.	I will know I am successful when I have attended at least two sessions at the Skilled Trades Fair.	I will know I am successful when I have completed all the Diagnostic Exams for my classes.	I will know I am successful when I have completed my updated Senior Checklist Tasks.
<b>Practice or Performance Item</b>	Reading and Math Freckle Assignment Completion Quiz	Student Transition Survey	Reflection Survey	Diagnostic Exams Completion Quiz	Senior Checklist Creation Assignment

[Click here to access the Course Presentations](#)

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# Modules

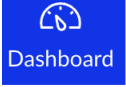


# Structured Modules

- Effective modules use:
  - Sequencing
  - Clear labels
  - Naming conventions
  - Gradual pacing



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▼ Week of January 12, 2026

Monday, January 12, 2026

[Live Session Recording](#)

**Freckle Assignments for Spring Semester 2026**

**Freckle Completion Quiz 0112026**  
Jan 26 1 pts

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

**Skills Trade Fair**

**Skills Trade Day Quiz**  
Jan 28 5 pts

Thursday, January 15, 2026

**Diagnostic Completion Quiz**  
Jan 29 1 pts

Friday, January 16, 2026

# Clear Instructions

## ● Supports include:

- Icons
- Visuals
- Checklists
- Video walkthroughs

### How to Set-Up Your Canvas Calendar








\*This is SUPER IMPORTANT as this is how you access all of your Live Class Connect Sessions

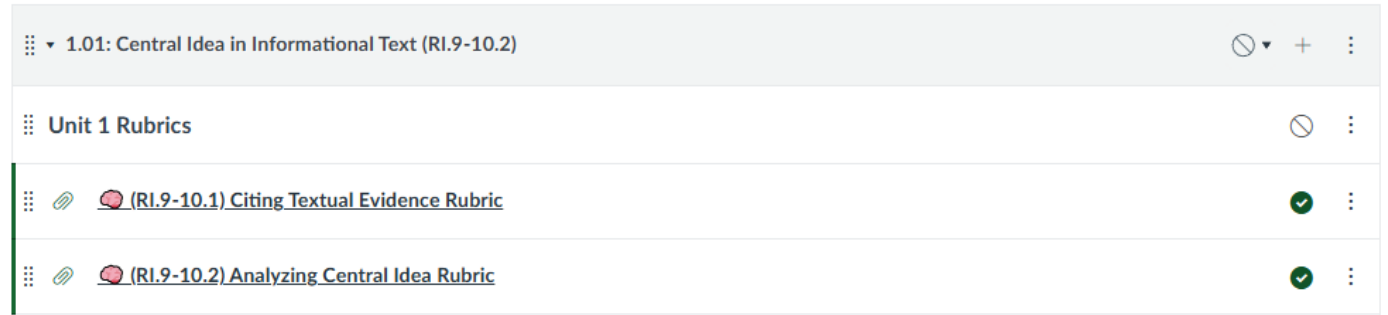
1. Log into your Canvas account - <https://learn1.k12.com/>
2. Click on the calendar icon on the left sidebar.



# Icons to Make Items Easily Identifiable

## ● Snip-able Icons

-  - Practice Items
-  - Performance Tasks
-  - Honors/Advanced Performance Tasks
-  - Spiral Back Performance Tasks
-  - SBG Proficiency Scores
-  - Rubrics
-  - Live Sessions






**Accessibility**

# Accessibility Tools

- **Canvas tools:**
  - Immersive Reader
  - Captions
  - Alt text
  - Text-to-speech

 Immersive Reader

## Accessibility Checker

Issue 1/10 ?

Image filenames should not be used as the alt attribute describing the image content.

Change alt text

MGLVA School Banner.png

Decorative image

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# Engagement Strategies

- Discussions
- Quick checks
- Visual cues
- Flexible pathways

▼ Week 1: The Cell Cycle ~ January 12th-16th	
📁 Materials	
📄	Weekly Overview: The Cell Cycle
📄	Bio Buzz ~ Episode 1
🔗	Week 1 The Cell Cycle ~ Guided Notes.pptx
📄	Week 1 Lesson Slides
📄	Week 1 Teacher Notes
🌱 Practice Items	
🔗	Standard 1 Vocabulary Quizlet
★ Performance Tasks	

# Well-Being Supports

- **Canvas helps reduce anxiety through:**
  - Predictability
  - SEL check-ins
  - Optional supports

# Inclusive Design

- Chunking
- Multiple submissions
- UDL practices
- Embedded accommodations

# Realistic Expectations

- Consistency + reteaching = independent student navigation



# Takeaways

# The Payoff

- **Students:**

- Participate more
- Navigate confidently
- Submit more work
- Experience inclusion

# Easy Wins for Tomorrow

- Update Home Page
- Standardize modules
- Add visuals
- Use accessibility tools



**Thank You for  
Attending!**

Questions?

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