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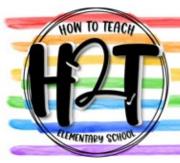
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Congratulations!! You are an elementary school teacher! Teaching is by far one of the most important and most gratifying professions. Whether you're a new teacher, a veteran teacher looking to learn and grow (or confirm your current practices), or a teacher changing grade levels, the **How 2 Teach** series will guide you through all aspects of teaching from day 1 to day 180 to ensure that your students have the best opportunity to achieve at high levels (academically, behaviorally, socially/emotionally).

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

My name is Karen Kauo, I am an Instructional Specialist with 28 years of experience teaching in a large school district in southern California. I am responsible for coaching and mentoring teachers to implement best teaching practices and supporting teachers and students through MTSS, Multi Tiered Systems of Support.

I am also an educational leader, supporting staff as a teaching assistant principal at my school site for over 20 years. During my 25 years as a classroom teacher, I taught all grade levels K-5 giving me a broad perspective on what it takes to effectively teach students from their first day of school until their last and to prepare them for future learning, void of holes and gaps, beyond elementary school.

TIME TO REFLECT

The primary focus of the **How 2 Teach** series is effective teaching and student achievement. There are many components to being an effective teacher; one is to be **REFLECTIVE** of your teaching practices. Teachers must be open to learning new things and growing as an educator.

When I started my teaching career in 1996 as a 3rd grade teacher, resources with information on effective teaching practices were limited to what I could find in the library or at my local teacher supply store. I was given teacher manuals for reading, math, social studies, and science and escorted to my new classroom to figure out the rest. Everything I knew about effective teaching at that time, which was minimal, came from my student teaching experience, advice from my colleagues, and eventually good old fashioned trial and error.

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SEEKING KNOWLEDGE TO IMPROVE MY TEACHING PRACTICES

In 1996, I purchased a copy of *The First Days of School* by Harry and Rosemary Wong and referred to it often. It was a wealth of great information, but it was lacking in addressing all of my questions throughout the school year.

In the early 2000s I decided to move from teaching 3rd grade to Kindergarten, Knowing I would be teaching students how to read, I started my own personal journey to gain more knowledge about how students learn and how best to teach them. My journey took me outside the walls of my classroom and school giving me a broader perspective of the teaching profession and what it takes to ensure that all students achieve. In 20 years, I've engaged in discussions with thousands of teachers from across the US, from Hawaii to NYC, and around the world through classroom visitations, social media groups, and blog discussions (I took lots of notes!). To ensure I was doing all I could for my students (and the teachers in my school), I read the research and attended professional trainings for evidence based teaching practices that result in maximum student achievement.

A MOUNTAIN OF INFORMATION

Today, there are countless books and downloadable resources for teachers containing information and advice on every educational topic you can imagine. There is no shortage of information if you look for it. I have reaped the benefits of these publications. Many will be referenced in this guide. The amount of expertise being shared today on the internet is humbling. To see the passion and dedication so many have to share their knowledge, to ensure all students learn at high levels, is extraordinary, but pulling together all of these individual pieces of information to get the entire picture of effective teaching for ALL aspects of teaching is time consuming.

TIME TO LOOK FORWARD

When a teacher is hired for their first teaching job and given a grade level assignment, social media pages and groups light up with the question, "I've been assigned to teach 1st grade, where do I begin?" In an effort to help my own student teachers over the years, I have searched to find a comprehensive resource, blog, or website, with all the essential up-to-date information needed to be an effective Elementary School Teacher, in ANY GRADE LEVEL, on EVERY SCHOOL DAY. I have been unable to find what I am looking for.

Until now...



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The challenge in creating a comprehensive guide specific to every grade level is the ability to provide information that will meet the needs of the diversity of classrooms across the U.S. **BIG Challenge. BIG. HUGE.** (adapted from *Pretty Woman*)

ONE SIZE FITS ALL...NOT

No two classrooms are the same. No two schools are the same. The leadership, culture, and overall needs of a school vary within a city, school district, county, and state. Not every elementary school is grades K-5. Not all school districts have 180 days of instruction. There are public schools, private schools, and charter schools. There are small rural schools with 1 teacher per grade level and large schools with 10 teachers per grade level. Most schools have adopted curriculums, some do not. Some school cultures are those where teachers collaborate and others where teachers work in isolation.

COMMON THREADS...BACKED BY EVIDENCE

The **How 2 Teach** series includes everything I've learned from my 25 years of teaching in K-5 classrooms, my experiences in educational leadership as a grade level leader and teaching assistant principal for 20 years, observations as a teacher mentor and coach, and student engagement through multi-tiered systems of support with skill specific learning targets, collaborative discussions with colleagues within my school and district, along with the plethora of knowledge I have gained beyond my school district through reading and research.

I have found through research that a majority of the information included in this guide, which comes directly from my own personal teaching experience and the experiences of other teaching professionals, is backed by evidence. Not surprisingly, what we are doing is WORKING!

To read and see evidence of effective teaching practices at my school site and our increased student achievement, click **HERE** to read my paper on PLCs (Professional Learning Communities) and Student Achievement.

CREDIBLE SOURCES

As professionals, we need to know that the information we consume comes from a credible resource.

*Any information in this guide that comes from my own personal experience or the experience of others and is backed by respected publications, research, and/or evidence of another professional has been noted, when possible, to allow for good flow of reading. *Information that has come **DIRECTLY** from meta studies and/or

publications from education professionals is quoted and cited accordingly.

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A GUIDE WITH READABILITY AND STYLE

I have trudged my way through dense, complex texts filled with Tier 3 vocabulary words that have made my head spin. That is NOT this guide. My favorite professional resources are the ones that speak to a teacher like a teacher. In this guide, I attempt to use a conversational style, except where information is quoted and cited, as if we were sitting in your classroom discussing effective teaching practices. When I speak, as you will see if you watch my videos, I am very expressive and speak with my hands. My writing style reflects that. Words will be CAPITALIZED, italicized, **bolded**, and printed in **color**. I include clip art, visuals, charts, graphs, and text boxes throughout.

My writing style reflects my personality. I was once told that I did NOT get a teaching job because I was too energetic. TRUE STORY. But look at me now!

IN CONCLUSION

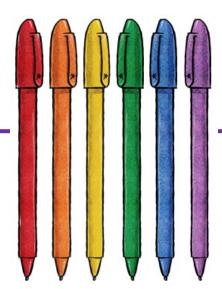
I hope **How to Teach Elementary School so ALL Students Achieve** answers all of your questions and guides you through each day of the school year on your own personal journey to becoming an effective teacher.

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Classroom Management/Procedures and Routines

How 2 implement an effective classroom management plan that optimizes student achievement from the first day of school.

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Grade Level Content Standards

How 2 know what to teach for each grade level K-5. Based on Common Core Standards.

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CHAPTER 7

Best Teaching Practices - Reading

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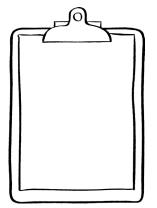
Best Teaching Practices - Social Studies and Science

How 2 build background knowledge to support reading comprehension and access complex text.

CHAPTER 10

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How 2 provide effective Tier 2 and Tier 3 instruction PLUS meet the needs of advanced learners.

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Special Education

Student services, modifications, and accommodations explained including IEP's and 504's

HOW 2 MAXIMIZE SCHOOL SUPPORT SYSTEMS

CHAPTER 14

Professional Learning Communities (PLC's)

How 2 increase student achievement through the PLC process.

CHAPTER 15

Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)

How 2 increase student achievement through MTSS

CHAPTER 16

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How 2 increase student achievement through PBIS

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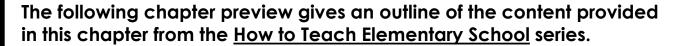
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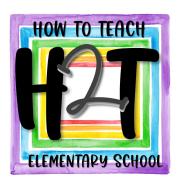




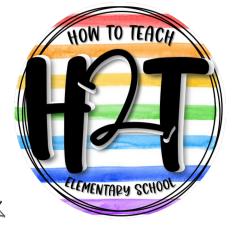
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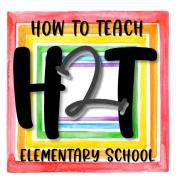
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When you are hired to teach for the first time or asked to teach a new grade level, you will likely have A LOT of questions. The first question is most likely, "What are students in this grade level supposed to learn?" And possibly, "Where do I begin??"

The focus of this chapter is identifying the academic standards taught at each grade level K-5 for English Language Arts (ELA) and Math. For all things that come in this guide regarding the academic content students must learn for each grade level, the Common Core Standards will be our reference.

THE HISTORY OF EDUCATION REFORM

The education system in the United States is always in a state of change. Change isn't necessarily a bad thing, in fact change can be a very good thing. If change happens in an effort to do what's best for kids and to ensure their academic achievement, I am all for change.

Standards Based Education Reform, as we know it, started after the publication of A Nation at Risk: The Imperative for Educational Reform. A Nation at Risk was a report of the United States National Commission on Excellence in Education in 1983. The publication was written to help define the problems with education in America and to provide solutions for improvement.

The 10th Amendment to the Constitution makes education a function of each state. Therefore, each state would need to decide how to educate its students. Unfortunately, the academic standards adopted by each state varied widely.

COMMON CORE IS BORN

In 2009, the National Governors Association and a coalition of state superintendents, formed a group of educational scholars and teacher experts to write a set of shared "common" standards in English and Math. The idea was to standardize education across all fifty states so that students would receive an equal education, no matter where they lived and to ensure students would graduate from high school properly prepared for college and careers.

PRIORITY STANDARDS, POWER STANDARDS, CRITICAL STANDARDS, ESSENTIAL STANDARDS

Regardless of the name you use, the standards your students must know to be prepared for the next grade level are the ones you will allot the most instructional time. As a teacher, you will expend the most effort to ensure ALL students have attained mastery of these standards. These standards are not the only skills you will teach, but they are the minimum that students must learn to be able to achieve at HIGH LEVELS.

If your school is run using the Professional Learning Community model, you have already been through the process of identifying Priority Standards. Yay You!

If your school has not identified Priority Standards, I GOT YOU!

K-5 STANDARDS

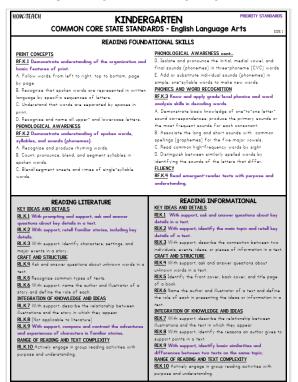
The Common Core Standards for every grade level are presented as "one pagers" when printed back to back. Use

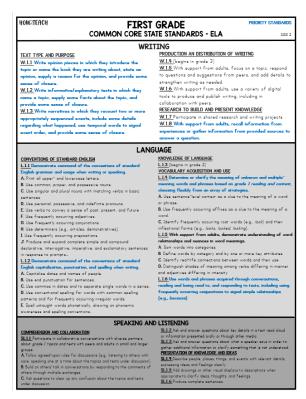
these one pagers to keep as a reference to ensure you are teaching all of the essential content for your grade level. In addition, take a look at the standards for the grade level below and above yours for the progression of how standards build upon each other.

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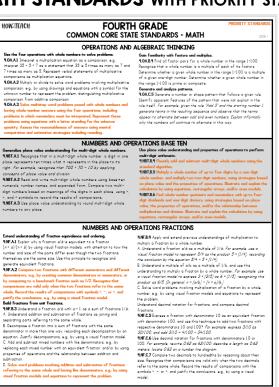
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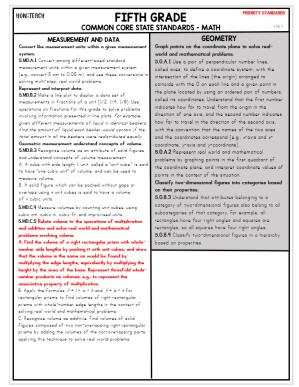
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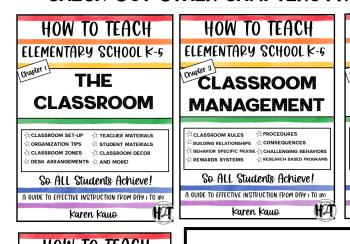
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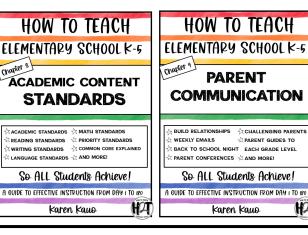




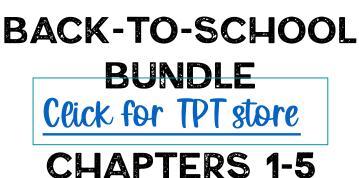
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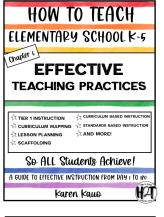
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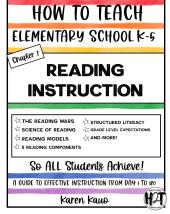


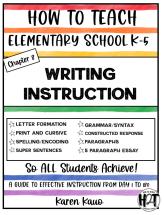


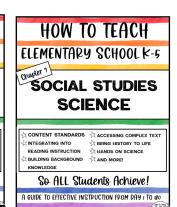




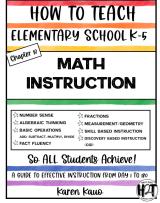


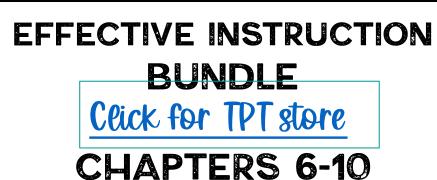




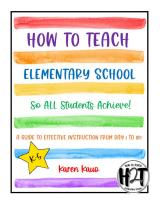


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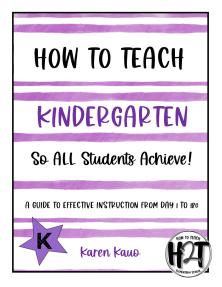


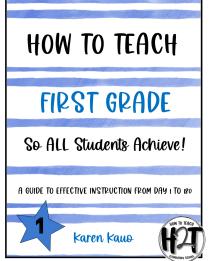
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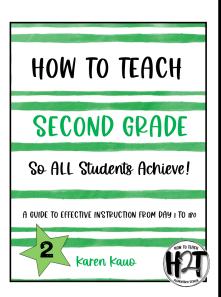


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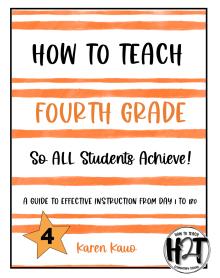
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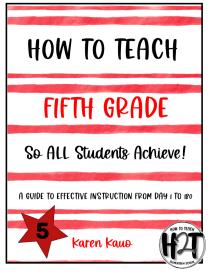
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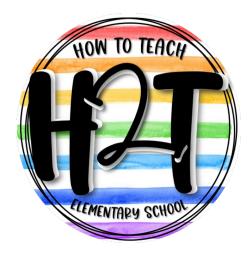
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