

YTY Program: Challenge Child Project Guidelines

Name: _____

- Step 1 – Select one student (or a small group) with the help of your supervising teacher. This student could be in need of additional remedial help on certain skills because he/she is struggling or it could be a student who is gifted and ready to be challenged at a higher level.
- Step 2 – Meet with the student one on one and conduct the student interest inventory or come up with your own method to get to know the student better. Find ways to help you connect with the student.
- Step 3 – Talk with the teacher, parents, specialists, previous teachers, the principal, the guidance counselor, educational assistants, or others who could provide information to help you succeed when you work with the student.
- Step 4 – Determine a goal for your student. Gather baseline data. Find out what your student knows and what they still need to learn.
- Step 5 – Create a timeline for your project. Determine when you can meet with your student (at least weekly). Plan activities for each session with your student. Be creative! Have fun with it!
- Step 6 – Evaluate regularly to determine your student's progress. Create a system to record your student's progress towards his/her goals. Use charts, graphs, or work samples to compare your student from the beginning of the semester to the end.
- Ongoing – Talk with your supervising teacher regularly to determine if you need to add more to your goals or adjust your goals to not include as many objectives. Share your successes and frustrations. They may have great suggestions to help you and your student. Continue to build a relationship with your student. Use that connection to make your activities more effective. Enjoy the opportunity to make a difference in a child's life! 😊
- Step 7 – Complete the project by writing your final report. (Keep the scoring rubric in mind!)