4 A’s OF LESSON PLANNING

ACTIVATE prior knowledge / experience

- Access prior knowledge / activate students’ schemas

Methods:
- Gallery walk
- Brainstorming
- Concept mapping
- Games
- Q&A
- Think/pair/share

ADD new knowledge / information

- Enable students to make connections between instruction and real life experiences (Apply)
- Foster inquiry throughout lessons and among students?

Methods:
- Learning logs
- Guest speakers
- Mini lessons
- Viewing + listening
- Guided Group discussions
- Readings
- Visual representations
- Role play

APPLY to a relevant situation

- Consolidate what has been learned and make it relevant / demonstrate acquisition of new information

Methods:
- Learning blogs/journals
- Sharing of products
- Debriefing on process
- Performances/Presentations
- Relevant/applied activities
- Scenario
- Simulation
- Demonstration
- Case study

AWAY help learner to create intentions for their own behaviors

- Motivate learning intentions & assess what has been learned and what needs to be further developed

Methods:
- Think/pair/share
- Letter to self
- Plan what is next
- Discussions/ Forum posts
- Clickers/poll everywhere/games
- Exit survey