

# Unit 1: Academic Environment

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# ITALIAN 8, GRADE 8

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## **Unit Overview**

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Students learn to engage in a two-way communication in each topic area, asking and responding to questions, expressing given vocabulary words and phrases.

Students will introduce themselves and exchange brief information about themselves.

- Introduce themselves
- learn the alphabet
- Use numbers from 0-1000
- Use the formal and informal greetings/salutations
- Express the appropriate greetings with the time of day

## **Enduring Understanding**

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- Cultural variations in language grammar and structure are necessary to communicate precise meanings.
- Students will understand that their academic experience is both similar and different that that of a student in a country of the target language.

## **Essential Questions**

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- How are things described differently in the Italian language?
- How do I communicate need and identify objects and their locations in the target language?
- How is my routine and school experience different from that of a student in a country of the target

language?

## **Exit Skills**

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- Identify and produce vocabulary classroom objects.
- Express need of objects.
- Describe a classroom according to what is there.
- Describe a classroom according to what is Not there.
- Express location of objects in relationship to ones another.
- Apply negation to describe an item's location.
- Recognize and produce numbers 1-1 million in the target language.
- Interpret and express time of day.
- Identify, describe and discuss class subjects.
- Express where, with whom and when students have specific classes.
- Inquire/question about and explain likes and dislikes.

## **New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSL-S)**

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WL.7.1.NM.A.1	Recognize familiar spoken or written words and phrases contained in culturally authentic materials using electronic information and other sources related to targeted themes.
WL.7.1.NM.A.2	Demonstrate comprehension of simple, oral and written directions, commands, and requests through appropriate physical response.
WL.7.1.NM.A.3	Recognize a few common gestures and cultural practices associated with the target culture(s).
WL.7.1.NM.A.4	Identify familiar people, places, and objects based on simple oral and/or written descriptions.
WL.7.1.NM.B.1	Use digital tools to exchange basic information at the word and memorized - phrase level related to self and targeted themes.
WL.7.1.NM.B.2	Give and follow simple oral and written directions, commands, and requests when participating in age - appropriate classroom and cultural activities.
WL.7.1.NM.B.4	Ask and respond to simple questions, make requests, and express preferences using memorized words and phrases.
WL.7.1.NM.C.1	Use basic information at the word and memorized - phrase level to create a multimedia - rich presentation on targeted themes to be shared virtually with a target language audience.
WL.7.1.NM.C.2	Imitate, recite, and/or dramatize simple poetry, rhymes, songs, and skits.
WL.7.1.NM.C.3	Copy/write words, phrases, or simple guided texts on familiar topics.

## **Interdisciplinary Connections**

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SOC.5-8.1.2.1

Select and use various geographic representations to compare information about people, places, regions, and environments.

TECH.8.1.8.A.3

Use and/or develop a simulation that provides an environment to solve a real world problem or theory.

## Learning Objectives

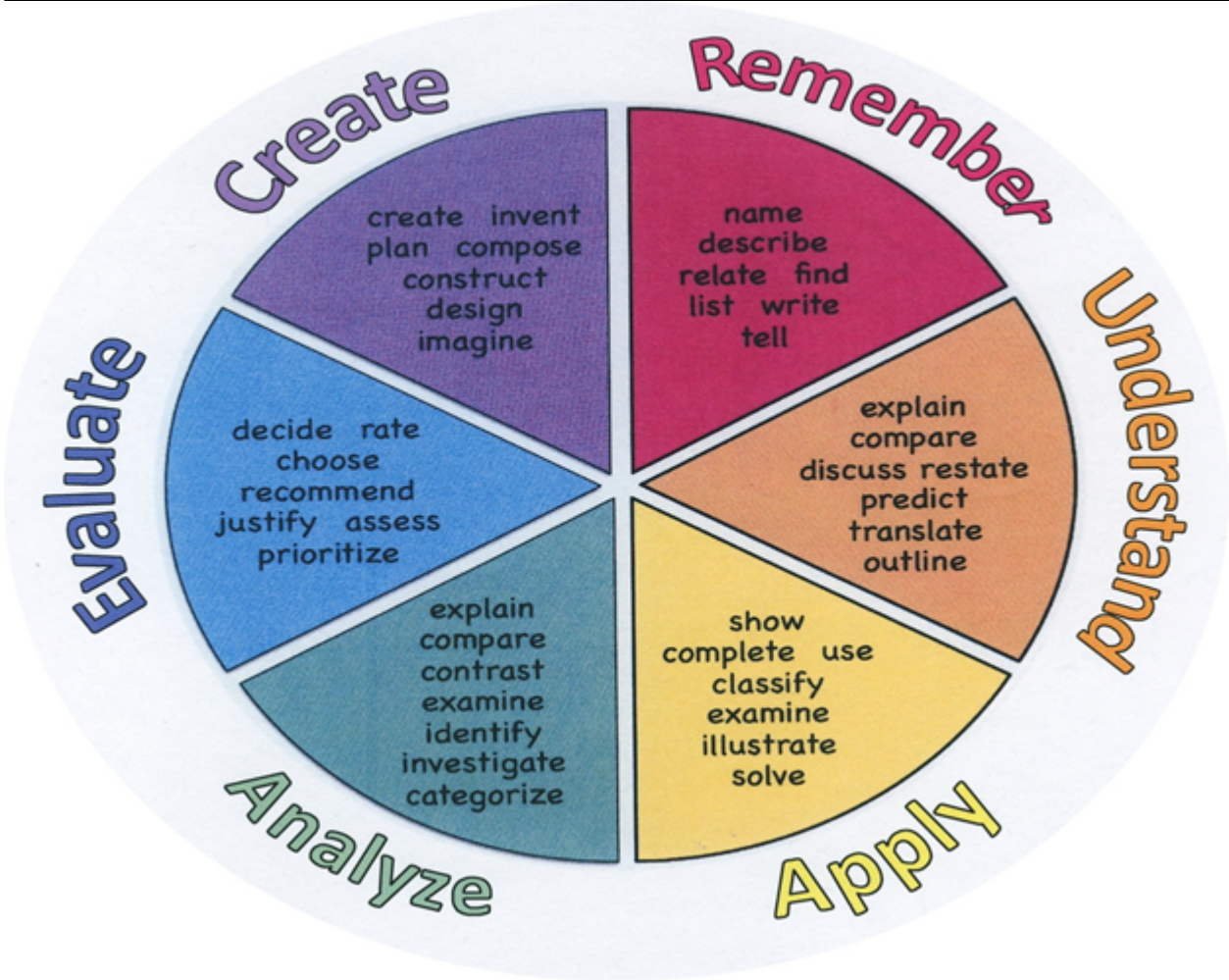
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**Action Verbs:** Below are examples of action verbs associated with each level of the Revised Bloom's Taxonomy.

Remember	Understand	Apply	Analyze	Evaluate	Create
Choose	Classify	Choose	Categorize	Appraise	Combine
Describe	Defend	Dramatize	Classify	Judge	Compose
Define	Demonstrate	Explain	Compare	Criticize	Construct
Label	Distinguish	Generalize	Differentiate	Defend	Design
List	Explain	Judge	Distinguish	Compare	Develop
Locate	Express	Organize	Identify	Assess	Formulate
Match	Extend	Paint	Infer	Conclude	Hypothesize
Memorize	Give Examples	Prepare	Point out	Contrast	Invent
Name	Illustrate	Produce	Select	Critique	Make
Omit	Indicate	Select	Subdivide	Determine	Originate
Recite	Interrelate	Show	Survey	Grade	Organize
Select	Interpret	Sketch	Arrange	Justify	Plan
State	Infer	Solve	Breakdown	Measure	Produce
Count	Match	Use	Combine	Rank	Role Play
Draw	Paraphrase	Add	Detect	Rate	Drive
Outline	Represent	Calculate	Diagram	Support	Devise
Point	Restate	Change	Discriminate	Test	Generate
Quote	Rewrite	Classify	Illustrate		Integrate
Recall	Select	Complete	Outline		Prescribe
Recognize	Show	Compute	Point out		Propose
Repeat	Summarize	Discover	Separate		Reconstruct
Reproduce	Tell	Divide			Revisit
	Translate	Examine			Rewrite
	Associate	Graph			Transform
	Compute	Interpolate			
	Convert	Manipulate			
	Discuss	Modify			

	Estimate Extrapolate Generalize Predict	Operate Subtract			
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**Suggested Activities & Best Practices**

Activities:

- Describe classroom objects with appropriate vocabulary.
- Label and describe a classroom with the appropriate word and accompanying article.
- Express if an object IS in the room; express if an object IS NOT in the room (c'e`ci sono)
- Between objects; apply negation to describe the relationship between objects.
- Ask and answer questions regarding time. Teacher observation “Che ore sono?” vs. “A che ora?” (whiteboards/clocks)
- Cardinal vs. Ordinal numbers (for class periods).
- Express where, with whom and when they have specific classes.

- Ask and answer questions regarding their schedules.
- Ask and answer questions why a class is liked..
- Compare and describe their schedule and likes/dislikes; compare and describe their partner's schedule and likes and dislikes.
- Write a schedule chart of class subjects.
- Likes/dislikes comparatives vs. superlatives (molto vs. di più Info- gap likes/dislikes chart.
- Comparatives vs. superlatives. (molto vs. di più)

## **Assessment Evidence - Checking for Understanding (CFU)**

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- Homework-\*list on classroom vocabulary words and expressions. (formative assessment)
- Classwork (formative assessment)
- Participation (formative assessment)
- Tests & Quizzes-\*Describe a classroom according to what is there. (summative assessment)
- Describe a classroom according to what is Not there. (formative assessment)
- Interpret and express time of day. (formative assessment)
- Identify, describe and discuss class subjects. (formative assessment)
- Presentations (alternative assessment)
- Projects-\*Create a cartoon strip including questions/responses on classroom vocabulary and academic subjects. (alternative assessment)
- Skits-\*Role-play including classroom vocabulary and academic subjects in a brief skit. (formative assessment)

- Admit Tickets
- Anticipation Guide
- Common Benchmarks
- Compare & Contrast
- Create a Multimedia Poster
- DBQ's
- Define
- Describe
- Evaluate
- Evaluation rubrics
- Exit Tickets
- Explaining
- Fist- to-Five or Thumb-Ometer
- Illustration
- Journals

- KWL Chart
- Learning Center Activities
- Multimedia Reports
- Newspaper Headline
- Outline
- Question Stems
- Quickwrite
- Quizzes
- Red Light, Green Light
- Self- assessments
- Socratic Seminar
- Study Guide
- Surveys
- Teacher Observation Checklist
- Think, Pair, Share
- Think, Write, Pair, Share
- Top 10 List
- Unit review/Test prep
- Unit tests
- Web-Based Assessments
- Written Reports

## **Primary Resources & Materials**

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Textbooks and other resources

Oggi in Italia

Sentieri

Italian is Fun

Raccontami

## **Ancillary Resources**

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Resources/Materials

Chromebooks

Handouts

## Technology Infusion

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Students research on computer Languages on line-Italian games and exercises for the purpose of learning Italian greetings and salutations.

TECH.8.1.8.A.CS1	Understand and use technology systems.
TECH.8.1.8.C.CS2	Communicate information and ideas to multiple audiences using a variety of media and formats.

## Alignment to 21st Century Skills & Technology

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Mastery and infusion of **21st Century Skills & Technology** and their Alignment to the core content areas is essential to student learning. The core content areas include:

- English Language Arts;
- Mathematics;
- Science and Scientific Inquiry (Next Generation);
- Social Studies, including American History, World History, Geography, Government and Civics, and Economics;
- World languages;
- Technology;
- Visual and Performing Arts.

CRP.K-12.CRP2.1	Career-ready individuals readily access and use the knowledge and skills acquired through experience and education to be more productive. They make connections between abstract concepts with real-world applications, and they make correct insights about when it is appropriate to apply the use of an academic skill in a workplace situation.
CRP.K-12.CRP4.1	Career-ready individuals communicate thoughts, ideas, and action plans with clarity, whether using written, verbal, and/or visual methods. They communicate in the workplace with clarity and purpose to make maximum use of their own and others' time. They are excellent writers; they master conventions, word choice, and organization, and use effective tone and presentation skills to articulate ideas. They are skilled at interacting with others; they are active listeners and speak clearly and with purpose. Career-ready individuals think about the audience for their communication and prepare accordingly to ensure the desired outcome.
CAEP.9.2.8.B.3	Evaluate communication, collaboration, and leadership skills that can be developed through school, home, work, and extracurricular activities for use in a career.

## 21st Century Skills/Interdisciplinary Themes

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- Communication and Collaboration
- Creativity and Innovation
- Critical thinking and Problem Solving
- ICT (Information, Communications and Technology) Literacy
- Information Literacy
- Life and Career Skills
- Media Literacy

CRP.K-12.CRP2.1

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CAEP.9.2.8.B.3

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## 21st Century Skills

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- Civic Literacy
- Environmental Literacy
- Financial, Economic, Business and Entrepreneurial Literacy
- Global Awareness
- Health Literacy

## Differentiation

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- Provided a word bank on academic subjects vocabulary words and includes visuals with vocabulary.
- Provide a list of classroom vocabulary words w/pictures in Italian as a study guide.
- Modify tests/worksheets-included with a word bank on classroom and school subjects vocabulary words to choose from.

### Differentiations:

- Small group instruction
- Small group assignments
- Extra time to complete assignments
- Pairing oral instruction with visuals
- Repeat directions
- Use manipulatives
- Center-based instruction
- Token economy
- Study guides
- Teacher reads assessments allowed
- Scheduled breaks
- Rephrase written directions

- Multisensory approaches
- Additional time
- Preview vocabulary
- Preview content & concepts
- Story guides
- Behavior management plan
- Highlight text
- Student(s) work with assigned partner
- Visual presentation
- Assistive technology
- Auditory presentations
- Large print edition
- Dictation to scribe
- Small group setting

#### **Hi-Prep Differentiations:**

- Alternative formative and summative assessments
- Choice boards
- Games and tournaments
- Group investigations
- Guided Reading
- Independent research and projects
- Interest groups
- Learning contracts
- Leveled rubrics
- Literature circles
- Multiple intelligence options
- Multiple texts
- Personal agendas
- Project-based learning
- Problem-based learning
- Stations/centers
- Think-Tac-Toes
- Tiered activities/assignments
- Tiered products
- Varying organizers for instructions

#### **Lo-Prep Differentiations**

- Choice of books or activities
- Cubing activities
- Exploration by interest
- Flexible grouping
- Goal setting with students
- Jigsaw
- Mini workshops to re-teach or extend skills
- Open-ended activities
- Think-Pair-Share
- Reading buddies
- Varied journal prompts
- Varied supplemental materials

## **Special Education Learning (IEP's & 504's)**

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The Teacher will walk around and observe the students while they are engaging in group activities on role-play s

and phrases to check for comprehension and/or mastery of the lesson content.

- Describe a classroom according to what is there.
- Describe a classroom according to what is Not there.
- Interpret and express time of day.
- Identify, describe and discuss class subjects.

- printed copy of board work/notes provided
- additional time for skill mastery
- assistive technology
- behavior management plan
- Center-Based Instruction
- check work frequently for understanding
- computer or electronic device utilizes
- extended time on tests/ quizzes
- have student repeat directions to check for understanding
- highlighted text visual presentation
- modified assignment format
- modified test content
- modified test format
- modified test length
- multiple test sessions
- multi-sensory presentation
- preferential seating
- preview of content, concepts, and vocabulary

- Provide modifications as dictated in the student's IEP/504 plan
- reduced/shortened reading assignments
- Reduced/shortened written assignments
- secure attention before giving instruction/directions
- shortened assignments
- student working with an assigned partner
- teacher initiated weekly assignment sheet
- Use open book, study guides, test prototypes

## **English Language Learning (ELL)**

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- Students share their notes on classroom vocabulary words.
- Use study guides with classroom vocabulary words and academic subjects.

- teaching key aspects of a topic. Eliminate nonessential information
- using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarify
- allowing products (projects, timelines, demonstrations, models, drawings, dioramas, poster boards, charts, graphs, slide shows, videos, etc.) to demonstrate student's learning;
- allowing students to correct errors (looking for understanding)
- allowing the use of note cards or open-book during testing
- decreasing the amount of work presented or required
- having peers take notes or providing a copy of the teacher's notes
- modifying tests to reflect selected objectives
- providing study guides
- reducing or omitting lengthy outside reading assignments
- reducing the number of answer choices on a multiple choice test
- tutoring by peers
- using computer word processing spell check and grammar check features
- using true/false, matching, or fill in the blank tests in lieu of essay tests

## **At Risk**

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Using true/false, matching, or fill in the blank tests in lieu of essay tests

- Students match the classroom vocabulary words with the picture.
  - Students fill in the logical academic subjects vocabulary words/phrases in sentences.
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  - allowing students to select from given choices
  - allowing the use of note cards or open-book during testing
  - collaborating (general education teacher and specialist) to modify vocabulary, omit or modify items to reflect objectives for the student, eliminate sections of the test, and determine how the grade will be determined prior to giving the test.
  - decreasing the amount of work presented or required
  - having peers take notes or providing a copy of the teacher's notes
  - marking students' correct and acceptable work, not the mistakes
  - modifying tests to reflect selected objectives
  - providing study guides
  - reducing or omitting lengthy outside reading assignments
  - reducing the number of answer choices on a multiple choice test
  - tutoring by peers
  - using authentic assessments with real-life problem-solving
  - using true/false, matching, or fill in the blank tests in lieu of essay tests
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## **Talented and Gifted Learning (T&G)**

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Student driven projects and presentations-a brief skit on school classroom objects and subjects with brief phrases.

- Above grade level placement option for qualified students
- Advanced problem-solving
- Allow students to work at a faster pace
- Cluster grouping
- Complete activities aligned with above grade level text using Benchmark results
- Create a blog or social media page about their unit
- Create a plan to solve an issue presented in the class or in a text
- Debate issues with research to support arguments
- Flexible skill grouping within a class or across grade level for rigor
- Higher order, critical & creative thinking skills, and discovery
- Multi-disciplinary unit and/or project

- Teacher-selected instructional strategies that are focused to provide challenge, engagement, and growth opportunities
- Utilize exploratory connections to higher-grade concepts
- Utilize project-based learning for greater depth of knowledge

## Sample Lesson

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Unit Name: Academic Environment

NJSLS: See Below

Interdisciplinary Connection: See Below

Statement of Objective: Students will be able to identify and use the following in brief descriptions:

- Vocabulary classroom objects.
- Describe and discuss class subjects.

Anticipatory Set/Do Now: List vocabulary classroom objects and academic subjects.

Learning Activity:

- Identify and produce vocabulary classroom objects.
- Identify, describe and discuss class subjects.

Student Assessment/CFU's:

Test/Quizzes: List classroom vocabulary words expressions and academic subjects vocabulary words.

Materials: Teacher made unit packets/txtbk-Oggi in Italia/Italian is fun

21st Century Themes and Skills: Global Awareness

Differentiation/Modifications:

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Integration of Technology: Students research website: Languages on line-Italian/games and exercises on topics above.

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TECH.8.1.8.B	Creativity and Innovation: Students demonstrate creative thinking, construct knowledge and develop innovative products and process using technology.