Teaching social skills through environmental education

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Abstract
This project was designed to address the need for a curriculum that links environmental education and social skills. All of the social skills units were created to improve the students' understanding of social skills and important environmental concepts.

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How are the strands arranged?

Keywords: social skills, training, Autism, special education. Social skill deficits are a central feature for many students with disabilities especially those with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Furthermore, social skills are behaviors exhibited in specific situations that lead to social competency, whereas, social competency refers to individuals' perceptions of the social behavior (Gresham et al., 2001; Gresham, 2002; Lane, Menzies, Barton-Arwood, Doukas, & Munton, 2(05). To assist educators in developing effective social skills programs for young adult students with ASD, consideration must be given to the fact that social skills demands change through development.