



# XSEED Comes to Southeastern College

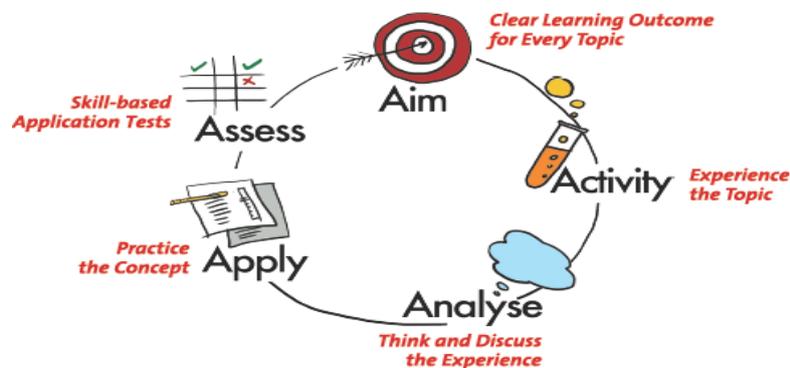
**XSEED**  
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Dear **SEC Parents** and **Guardians**,

For the coming academic year, we have adopted a new teaching/learning program called **XSEED** for **English, Math, and Science** in **Grades 1-6**.

**XSEED** is a rigorous and well-researched program that builds 21<sup>st</sup> century skills, conceptual understanding, and problem-solving confidence in learners through a 5-step learning method inside the classroom.

## The 5A Method



Every day, your child will experience an **XSEED “5A”** class in **English, Math, and Science**:

1. First, the teacher will set a clear **AIM** for the class.
2. Students will engage in a hands-on **ACTIVITY**, usually in pairs or groups.
3. They will then reflect on and **ANALYZE** the activity through a class discussion to draw out the learning.
4. Finally, they will **APPLY** their learning to solve thinking problems on a worksheet on their own.
5. Worksheets allow the teacher to **ASSESS** if students have reached the aim.

## XSEED Learning Blocks

**XSEED** is organized around learning Blocks, each of which takes about one week of class-time to complete.

Each block focuses on a **Big Idea** and a **Big Skill**, which are assessed through a **Block Assessment Report**. This report describes what the student should be able to do by the end of the block to demonstrate conceptual understanding and skill development.

The **Block Assessment Report** for each block is found in the student workbook before that block's **Student Application Worksheets**.

## Tips for Parent Support

One of the pillars of academic success of SEC students has always been the school's strong partnership with parents!

The **XSEED** program includes even more opportunities for you to support your child's learning at home. The following 10 simple practices can help your child get the most out of his/her skill and concept development.

1. Read the **Block Commentary** in the Content Book at the beginning of each week. It explains what your child will be learning each day, and how. There is even a weekly parent tip at the end!
2. Ask your child to explain what they did in class! Ask them what the **aim** of their class was; what **activity** they did; and how they did on the **worksheet**.
3. Help your child go online to explore the **Weblinks** given at the end of each block. These have games, videos, text, or problems related to the concepts they have been studying in class. If you have time, you can help them explore related topics even more on the Web.
4. Make sure your child does their **homework! Practice Questions** from the Content Book are given regularly for homework.
5. Encourage your child to complete the **Performance Task** at the end of each block. These are interesting activities that can be done at home or in the community to extend what they are learning in school.
6. Check the **Block Assessment Report** in your child's workbook each week to see their progress on concepts and skills.
7. **Read with your child** from the Content Book – whether she/he is reading on their own or needs your help. Encourage your child to read other stories and texts that interest her/him as well.
8. Encourage your child to **write on their own** about whatever interests them from school. Even if all they can write is a few words under a picture they've drawn, that's fine.
9. Help your child use **key words** they have learned in sentences of their own. These can be found in the Content Book for every block, along with their definitions.
10. For students in Grades 1-3, ask them to make new words with their **XSEED letter cards**. This will help them develop vocabulary, reading, and spelling skills.

**Southeastern College** and **XSEED** are looking forward to an exciting academic year, full of learning and growth for your child. As always, we welcome any questions and feedback you have.

Your **Partners in Education**,

*Strong in Mind and Character*

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