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Use an **iterative process** to plan the development of a **program** by including others' perspectives and considering user preferences while solving simple problems.

Essential Skills

Review and revise the plan for a **computer program** by incorporating feedback from a partner.

Essential Questions

What is an **iterative process**?

Why is it helpful to **iterate** (repeatedly review and revise) during development of a computer program?

Why is it necessary to gather feedback and then update/improve a plan?

Explanation

Students will create a plan to develop a **computer program** and recognize that planning is an essential part of program development. Since a plan is rarely accomplished all at once, but improved when revisited and revised, students will **iterate** on their plan as they consider time and resource constraints as well as the perspectives, needs and preferences of others. Documentation of the plan can be in one of many forms such as a storyboard, flowchart, **pseudocode**, or story map.

Think of this as similar to....

The first time you use a recipe it may not turn out exactly how you wanted. You can decide what to change and ask others who ate it for their recommendations of how it could be improved. You can incorporate the changes and try it again and repeat the process until it turns out exactly the way you want it.

Implementation Examples—What would this look like in the classroom?

Title	Description	Link	Content Connection & Notes
Introduce: Synchronization	Grade 3 --Students will work in a small group to create a plan to coordinate actions of different sprites (characters) in a computer program. Students will have others in their group test their code and they will revise the plan (and the associated code) repeatedly until the actions of the sprites are timed as desired.	Introduce: Synchronization	This lesson also aligns to CS standard AP.M.02
Build My City	<p>Grade 3--Students will review key programming concepts in the Build My City project. A demo project is used to explain the design requirements and expectations. Students meet in their project groups and use storyboarding to develop their ideas for their city. Within their groups, students should explain their ideas and collaboratively plan the code that they will use to carry it out. As they develop the code, they should consider the perspective of the people who view the project (for example other students, teachers, parents)</p> <p>Grade 4--Students review and provide feedback for the storyboards of other groups and incorporate the feedback they receive from other groups into their program.</p> <p>Grade 5--Students solicit feedback from adults in their lives (other staff, parents, etc.) and incorporate the feedback they receive into their programs. Students should reflect on how that feedback provides a different perspective than that of their peers.</p>	Build My City	This lesson also aligns to CS standards AP.M.02 and AP.PD.04. The same idea can be used with an About Me or Superhero project.
Chase Game	<p>Grade 3--Students are guided through the tutorial called, "Make a Chase Game." Students should plan their project initially and work in groups to revise their plans as they create the program.</p> <p>Grade 4--Students share their projects with peers and revise their program based on feedback received.</p> <p>Grade 5--Students design their program for younger students (1st/2nd graders). When the younger students play the game, the designers make observations about what engages the younger students, what is challenging and ask the younger students for suggestions about how to improve the game. Fifth grade students analyze the feedback, determine what changes to make and how to go about programming the changes. They can then again give it to the younger students and determine if and how the game has improved.</p>	Make a Chase Game Educator Guide and Presentation	ELA SL.5.1

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