

**Teacher:** Steve Sabaugh

**Unit Plan:** Functions, Booleans, and User Input on the micro:bit

**Grade and Content:** 9th-grade Engineering

**Date:** 5/31/2023 Day 1 of Functions Unit

**Lesson:** Intro to Programmer Defined Functions with the BBC micro:bit Microcontroller

**Overall Goal/Objective of Lesson:** Students will learn about modular programming. They will create their own functions and understand how functions improve program organization and allow for code reusability.

<p><b>Content Objectives</b> (nouns)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Students will understand the role of functions in programs</li><li>-Students will understand that the role of parameters in functions</li><li>-Students will understand the difference between void functions and those that return a value</li><li>-Students will understand the concept of “hard coding” values for rapid algorithm testing</li></ul>	<p><b>Assessments</b></p> <p>Call on students for review of key concepts</p>
<p><b>Skill Objectives</b> (verbs/Common Core Standards)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Students will be able to define function, parameter and return</li><li>- Students will be able to to create function definitions in micro:bit IDE</li><li>- Students will be able to create a program that solves the Pythagorean Theorem using functions (with a return value and parameters).</li><li>- Students will be able to create a void function that displays a simple animation</li></ul>	<p><b>Assessments</b></p> <p>Students will create a program in the micro:bit IDE that creates two functions. One function will return the value of the length of the hypotenuse of a right triangle, a void function that displays a simple animation of a flashing hypotenuse of a triangle and then gives the length of the hypotenuse. Students will create 2 variables with hard coded values for ‘base’ and ‘height.’ They will call their two factions in a button event.</p>

**Key Content Vocabulary:**

Function (subroutine and method are synonyms)

void

parameter (formal and real)

return statement

**Materials**

Chalk Board, Smartboard for projection, Chromebooks  
 'Assignments With Notes and Announcements' Google sheet  
 Students Flask web page

<b>Time Allotment</b>	<b>Anticipatory Set</b>	<b>Plans for Differentiation/ Culturally Responsive Instruction</b>
3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>Do Now:</u></b> Students will log into the google classroom. Get there 'Assignments With Notes and Announcements' doc open. Look on your website journal for Magic 8 Ball assignment's vocabulary list.</li> </ol>	
12	<b>Mini-Lesson/Direct Instruction (with Modeling)</b>	<b>Plans for Differentiation/ Culturally Responsive Instruction</b>
5	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>Mini-Lesson:</u></b> Functions. Ask students to define function from previous lesson. Programmer Defined function. Morning routine, evening routine example. Formal parameters. Return statement. Pythagorean Theorem. Hard coded values.</li> <li><b><u>Modeling:</u></b> I will demo how to create a function in micro:bit. How to add formal parameters. How to drag those parameters into their function definitions. Finally how to call a function either void or one that returns a value.</li> </ol>	-A guided lesson will be provide to all students. -Modeling is done so students can see how to use this strategy -Problems are dissected and explained in detail as I model the strategy
20	<b>Independent Practice (with Teacher Monitoring)</b>	<b>Plans for Differentiation/ Culturally Responsive Instruction</b>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>Independent Assessment:</u></b> Students will work independently on 'functions' program in micro:bit</li> </ol>	-All students will have a step-by-step guide to work from including pictures. -myself and co-teacher are available for direct assistance
5 minutes	<b>Closure</b>	<b>Plans for Differentiation/ Culturally Responsive Instruction</b>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>Share-Out:</u></b> Teacher will ask students to review concepts they have learned in their own words and explain the assessment for tomorrow's lesson</li> </ol>	

