Learning Block Objectives

Learning Blocks are a new resource provided to registered teachers in support of their Future City® program. Each Learning Block is designed to reinforce one or more areas within curriculum while also striving to complete the Future City competition elements. The Learning Block activities provide teachers with a mechanism for teaching the key concepts that are critical to the overall project.

Learning Block Usage

Each block will offer the option of use in any order or configuration:

- **Independent Use**: selected blocks inserted into a teacher’s established subject lesson plans.
- **Linear**: multiple blocks can be used in a sequence to create a comprehensive unit within a class.
- **Cross-disciplinary**: selected blocks are used simultaneously by individual students or student teams within a variety of subjects so students can work on elements of the overall project at the same time.

Learning Block Contents

Learning Blocks include activities that cover 4 topics:

- City Planning
- SimCity 4
- Model Building Concepts
- Model Construction

Each CD provides directions and activity sheets including:

- **21 lessons**
- **35 supplemental activities**

Learning Block Activities

Every learning block shows the link to Curriculum Subjects, National Educational Standards, 21st Century Skills, and Careers.

All Learning Block activities include:

- Key Concepts and Key Terms
- Background Information for teachers
- Questions for classes
- Exploration and Communication Activities
- Assessment
- Extended Use and Enrichment Suggestions