

IT AND ME—GRADE 9 CURRICULUM

Standard: Operating Systems

Time: 2 hours

Objectives: At the end of this lesson students will:

1. Be familiar with some of the “applets” that Microsoft packages with the operating system
2. Become comfortable with the concept of opening and exploring unfamiliar programs.
3. Further develop problem-solving skills.

Setting:

Computer lab with Windows 98 operating system

Materials:

Applets handout

Teacher’s Role:

Explain that Microsoft includes several small programs that are designed to help the user accomplish routine tasks. Some of these are installed automatically on the hard disk of the computer when Windows is installed. Others must be installed individually. The handout lists several of these programs. Have the students open these various programs and determine what they do. *The list can be revised to include only those programs installed on the lab computers.*

School to Career Connection:

Videos and guest speakers