What does a frame do for a picture?
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- How do differences in what we choose to frame or display reflect choices based on individual preferences?
- On family priorities?
- On cultural values?

“... a curriculum framework provides general guidance on planning learning environments and experiences for young children.”

(California Preschool Curriculum Framework, Volume 3, page 3)
The curriculum framework provides:

- Principles
- An overview of key components of curriculum planning for young children, including observation, documentation, and reflection
- Descriptions of routines, environments, and materials
- Sample strategies for building on children’s knowledge, skills, and interests

Curriculum planning involves:

- Arranging the environment and materials into interest areas for self-initiated play and learning.
- Using a variety of activities that are indoor and outdoor.
- Organizing daily routines as contexts for learning.
- Using a variety of activities that are teacher guided in small or large groups.

*California Preschool Curriculum Framework, Volume 3,* pages 15–29
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- What does a framework provide when these curriculum components are considered in curriculum planning and put into practice?

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What would the eight overarching principles provide?

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Relationships are central.
Play is a primary context for learning.
Learning is integrated.
Inclusive teaching enhances children’s learning experiences.
Family and community partnerships create meaningful connections.
Towardization of learning includes all children.
Responsive to culture and language supports children’s learning.
Time for reflection and planning enhances teaching.

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- What would consideration of materials and environments provide?
- What would consideration of interactions and strategies provide?

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- What new ideas, concepts, or insights do you have from this learning experience?
- What are some continuing challenges with the concept of a curriculum framework?
- What additional information would you like to know about the concept of a curriculum framework?
- What are some steps you can take to obtain that information?