

Transition Core Curriculum Scope & Sequence

Setting Personal Goals: Scope and Sequence



Pre-Course Assessment

Unit 1: Introduction to Goal Setting

Lesson 1: What are Goals?

Lesson 2: Short and Long-Term Goals

Lesson 3: Goal Setting Process

Connect to Home: Conduct an Interview

Unit 2: S.M.A.R.T. Goals

Lesson 1: Specific Goals

Lesson 2: Measurable Goals

Lesson 3: Achievable Goals

Lesson 4: Relevant Goals

Lesson 5: Timely Goals

Connect to Home: Write a Newspaper or News Story

Unit 3: Reaching Goals

Lesson 1: Chunking Goals

Lesson 2: Persistence and Grit

Lesson 3: Setting Deadlines

Lesson 4: Measuring Progress

Connect to Home: Discuss Goals

Unit 4: Goal Attainment

Lesson 1: Celebrating, Reflecting, and Evaluating

Lesson 2: Regrouping and Revising

Lesson 3: Action Planning

Lesson 4: Summative Assessment

Connect to Home: Share Your Action Plan

Post-Course Assessment and Evaluation

Objective: By the end of this course, students will be able to identify a goal and take actionable steps to reach their goal.

Outcome: By the end of this course, students will be able to identify a post- school S.M.A.R.T. goal and develop an action plan to reach that goal.

Goal: Students will build selfawareness and communication skills for post-school success.

Time: Students can work through the 16 lessons of this course at their own pace.

Prerequisite: TAGG or another transition assessment is strongly recommended.

Common Core State Standards (CCSS): RI.9-10.4, RI.9-10.7, SL.9-10.1, SL.9-10.2, W.9-10.4, W.9-10.5, W.9-10.6, W.9-10.10, L.9-10.1, L-9-10.4

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS): 110.31.(b)(1)(A), 110.31. (b)(9), 110.31.(b)(24)-(26), 110.31. (b)(12), 110.31.(b)(13), 110.31.(b)(17), 110.31. (b)(1)(B) and (E)

Competencies: Interpersonal skills, communication skills, self- determination

Building Self-Advocacy: Scope and Sequence

Pre-Course Assessment

Unit 1: Understanding Yourself

Lesson 1: Special Education

Lesson 2: How and Why Did I Get Here?

Lesson 3: Understanding Your IEP

Lesson 4: Identifying and Evaluating Accommodations and Supports

Connect to Home: Reflecting on the Special Education Process

Unit 2: Why Advocate?

Lesson 1: Rights and Responsibilities

Lesson 2: Transition and Post-Secondary Goals

Lesson 3: Self-Efficacy

Lesson 4: Building Self-Confidence

Connect to Home: Goal-Setting for Transition Success

Unit 3: Soliciting Support

Lesson 1: Identifying Personal Supports

Lesson 2: Identifying Organizational Supports

Lesson 3: Asking for and Refusing Assistance

Lesson 4: Summative Assessment

Connect to Home: Identifying Resources for Transition Success

Post-Course Assessment and Evaluation

Objective: By the end of this course, students will be able to identify their own strengths and needs and use that knowledge to build the skills that lead to selfadvocacy.

Outcome: By the end of this course, students will be able to role-play ways to advocate for themselves and will gain the skills they need to be able to ask for or decline help.

Goal: Students will build selfawareness, self-determination, and communication skills.

Time: Students can work through the 12 lessons of this course at their own pace.

Prerequisite: It is suggested that students have completed the TAGG Assessment and Ori's Identifying Personal Strengths course.

Common Core State Standards (CCSS): RI.9-10.7, SL.9-10.1, SL.9-10.2, W.9-10.10, R.9-10.4, L.9-10.4

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS): 110.31.(b)(9), 110.31. (b)(1)(B) and (E), 110.31.(b)(24)-(26), 110.31.(b)(12), 110.31.(b)(13)

Competencies: Self-awareness, social awareness, communication skills, and self-determination



Cultivating Communication Skills: Scope and Sequence

Pre-Course Assessment

Unit 1: Speaking and Listening

Lesson 1: Greetings

Lessons 2A and B: Starting and Stopping Conversations

Lesson 3: Body Language

Lesson 4: Appropriate Topics

Lessons 5A and B: Telephone Skills

Lesson 6: Active Listening

Connect to Home: Calling for service or help

Unit 2: Writing

Lesson 1: Formal Writing

Lesson 2: Informal Writing

Lesson 3A and B: Using Technology

Lesson 4: Summative Assessment

Connect to Home: Writing a Compliment or Complaint

Post-Course Assessment and Evaluation



Objective: By the end of this course, students will be able to use appropriate communication skills to conduct social interactions at home, school, or in a community or work setting.

Outcome: By the end of this course, students will create and use scripts and roleplay scenarios to guide their communication in real-life situations they will encounter in school, home, work, or in the community.

Goal: Students will build communication and interpersonal skills.

Time: Students can work through the 10 lessons of this course at their own pace.

Prerequisite: None

Common Core State Standards (CCSS): RI.9-10.4, SL.9-10.1, SL.9-10.2, SL.9-10.4, W.9-10.4, W.9-10.6, W.9-10.10, L.9-10.1

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS): 110.31.(b)(24)-(26), 110.31. (b)(12), 110.31.(b)(25), 110.31. (b)(23) (C)110.31.(b)(13)

Competencies: Communication skills, interpersonal skills

Developing Self-Determination: Scope and Sequence

Pre-Course Assessment

Unit 1: Self-Determination

Lesson 1: What is Self-Determination?

Lesson 2: Motivation

Lesson 3: Having a Positive Attitude

Lesson 4: Finding a Mentor or Role Model

Connect to Home: Transition Planning, Part I

Unit 2: Self-Awareness

Lesson 1: What is Self-Awareness?

Lesson 2: Identifying Strengths and Needs

Lesson 3: Understanding Interests and Preferences

Lesson 4: Overcoming Challenges

Connect to Home: Transition Planning, Part II

Unit 3: Self-Advocacy

Lesson 1: What is Self-Advocacy?

Lesson 2: Goal Setting

Lesson 3: Taking Initiative and Being Assertive

Lesson 4: Accepting Consequences

Connect to Home: Transition Planning, Part III

Objective: By the end of this course, students will be able to identify their own interests, strengths, and challenges, and use that knowledge to build communication and selfadvocacy skills that lead to self-determination.

Outcome: By the end of this course, students will be able to create an action plan that will improve their self- advocacy skills and help them show more selfdetermination.

Goal: Students will build selfdetermination, self-awareness, and communication skills.

Time: Students can work through the 16 lessons of this course at their own pace.

Prerequisite: The TAGG Assessment and the Ori courses, *Identifying Personal Strengths* and *Identifying and Overcoming Challenges*, are suggested.

Common Core State Standards (CCSS): RI.9-10.1, RI.9-10.4, RI.9-10.7, SL.9-10.1, SL.9-10.2, W.9-10.2, W.9-10.4, W.9-10.7, W.9-10.10

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS): 110.31.(b)(6), 110.31. (b)(1) (A), 110.31.(b).(9), 110.31.(b) (24)-(26), 110.31.(b)(12), 110.31.(b) (13)

Competencies: Self-awareness, self-determination, communication skills, self-advocacy



Developing Self-Determination: Scope and Sequence



Unit 4: Decision Making

Lesson 1: Making Decisions

Lesson 2: Assessing and Evaluating Results Lesson 3:

Persistence

Lesson 4: Summative Assessment

Connect to Home: Transition Planning, Part IV End of

Unit Wrap-Up and Reflection



Exploring Career Options: Scope and Sequence

Pre-Course Assessment

Unit 1: Researching Careers

Lesson 1: Career Interests

Lesson 2: Identifying Your Strengths

Lesson 3: Career Clusters, Part I

Lesson 4: Career Clusters, Part II

Unit 2: Researching Companies and Examining Job Openings

Lesson 1: Identifying Companies and Openings

Lesson 2: Mentors and Informational Interviews

Lesson 3: Using Your School's Resources

Lesson 4: Using Your Community's Resources

Unit 3: Types of Work Opportunities and How to Find Them

Lesson 1: Paid and Unpaid Internships

Lesson 2: Job Sampling and Job Shadowing

Lesson 3: Volunteering

Lesson 4: Full Time vs Part Time

Unit 4: Applying for Job Opportunities

Lesson 1: Creating a Resume and Writing a Cover

Letter Lesson 2: Filling out a Job Application

Lesson 3: Asking for and Obtaining Personal References

Lesson 4: Interviewing Skills

Objective: By the end of this course, students will be able to identify their potential career paths, research opportunities and companies, and begin the job application process.

Outcome: By the end of this course, students will identify up to three career options and begin the application process.

Goal: You'll know the course is successful if students can identify a career interest and apply for an opportunity.

Time: Students can work through the 20 lessons of this course at their own pace.

Prerequisite: The TAGG Assessment and the Ori courses, *Identifying Personal Strengths* and *Identifying and Overcoming Challenges*, are suggested.

Common Core State Standards (CCSS): RI.9-10.1, RI.9-10.4, RI.9-10.7, SL.9-10.1, SL.9-10.2, W.9-10.10

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS): 110.31.(b)(6), 110.31. (b)(1)(A), 110.31.(b)(9),110.31.(b)(9), 110.31.(b) (24)-(26), 110.31.(b)(12) 10.31.(b)(13)

Competencies: Transition, selfawareness, self-determination, communication skills, careers



Exploring Career Options: Scope and Sequence



Unit 5: Putting it all Together

Lesson 1: Creating a Career Poster

Lesson 2: Presenting Your Career Poster

Lesson 3: Reflecting on the Career Exploration Process

Lesson 4: Summative Assessment

Identifying and Overcoming Challenges: Scope and Sequence

Pre-Course Assessment

Unit 1: Identifying and Overcoming Challenges

- Lesson 1: Identifying Challenges
- Lesson 2: Understanding Assessment Results
- Lesson 3: Overcoming Challenges, Part 1
- Lesson 4: Overcoming Challenges, Part 2
- Lesson 5: Overcoming Challenges, Part 3
- Connect to Home: Conduct an Interview

Unit 2: Writing About Overcoming Challenges

- Lesson 1: Paragraph Writing
- Lesson 2: Brainstorming
- Lesson 3: Introductions and Topic Sentences
- Lesson 4: Supporting Details
- Lesson 5: Conclusions
- Lesson 6: Write Your Paragraph
- Connect to Home: Write a Newspaper or News Story

Unit 3: Speaking About Overcoming Challenges

- Lesson 1: Introduction to Public Speaking
- Lesson 2: Body Language
- Lesson 3: Verbal Communication
- Lesson 4: Speech Writing and Presenting
- Connect to Home: Practice Your Speech

Objective: By the end of this course, students will be able to identify their challenges and use strategies to help them overcome those challenges to improve postschool outcomes.

Outcome: By the end of this course, students will be able to identify their challenges and articulate one challenge they overcame in a written, verbal, or visual presentation.

Goal: Students will build selfawareness and communication skills.

Time: Students can work through the 19 lessons of this course at their own pace.

Prerequisite: TAGG or another transition assessment is strongly recommended.

Common Core State Standards (CCSS): RI.9-10.4, RI.9-10.7, SL.9-10.1, SL.9-10.2, W.9-10.4, W.9-10.5, W.9- 10.6, W.9-10.10, L.9-10.1, L-9-10.4

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS): 110.31.(b)(1)(A), 110.31. (9), 110.31.(24)-(26), 110.31.(12), 110.31. (13), 110.31.(17), 110.31.(b)(1) (b)-(e)

Competencies: Self-awareness, communication skills, interpersonal skills



Identifying and Overcoming Challenges: Scope and Sequence



Unit 4: Active Listening

- Lesson 1: Listening Skills
- Lesson 2: Active and Passive Listening
- Lesson 3 and 4: Summative Assessment
- Connect to Home: Practice Active Listening at Home

Identifying Personal Strengths: Scope and Sequence

Pre-Course Assessment

Unit 1: Identifying Personal Strengths

Lesson 1: What are Strengths? What are Needs?

Lesson 2: Understanding Assessment Results

Lesson 3: Character Strengths, Part 1

Lesson 4: Character Strengths, Part 2

Lesson 5: Character Strengths, Part 3

Connect to Home: Conduct an Interview

Unit 2: Writing About Personal Strengths

Lesson 1: Paragraph Writing

Lesson 2: Brainstorming

Lesson 3: Introductions and Topic Sentences

Lesson 4: Supporting Details

Lesson 5: Conclusions

Lesson 6: Write Your Paragraph

Connect to Home: Write a Newspaper or News Story

Unit 3: Speaking About Personal Strengths

Lesson 1: Introduction to Public Speaking

Lesson 2: Body Language

Lesson 3: Verbal Communication

Lesson 4: Speech Writing

Connect to Home: Practice Your Speech

Objective: By the end of this course, students will be able to identify and articulate their personal strengths for postschool transition success.

Outcome: By the end of this course, students will be able to identify their own personal strengths and articulate them in a written, verbal, or visual presentation.

Goal: Students will build selfawareness and communication skills.

Time: Students can work through the 20 lessons of this course at their own pace.

Prerequisite: TAGG or another transition assessment is strongly recommended.

Common Core State Standards (CCSS): RI.9-10.4, RI.9-10.7, SL.9-10.1, SL.9-10.2, W.9-10.4, W.9-10.5, W.9- 10.6, W.9-10.10, L.9-10.1, L-9-10.4

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS): 110.31.(b)(1)(A), 110.31. (9), 110.31.(24)-(26), 110.31.(12), 110.31. (13), 110.31.(17), 110.31.(b)(1) (b)-(e)

Competencies: Self-awareness, communication skills, interpersonal skills



Identifying Personal Strengths: Scope and Sequence



Unit 4: Active Listening

Lesson 1: Listening Skills

Lesson 2: Active and Passive Listening

Lesson 3: Listening Practice

Lesson 4: Summative Assessment, Part 1

Lesson 5: Summative Assessment, Part 2

Connect to Home: Practice Active Listening at Home



Interpersonal Skills: Scope and Sequence

Pre-Course Assessment

Unit 1: Communication Skills

Lesson 1: Clear Communication

Lesson 2: Giving and Receiving Feedback

Lesson 3: Body Language

Lesson 4: Self-Confidence and Positive Attitudes

Connect to Home: Resolving a Situation, Part 1

Unit 2: Collaboration Skills

Lesson 1: Teamwork and Collaboration

Lesson 2: Showing Appreciation

Lesson 3: Problem Solving

Lesson 4: Conflict Resolution

Lesson 5: Work Ethic

Lesson 6: Summative Assessment

Connect to Home: Resolving a Situation, Part 2

Post-Course Assessment and Evaluation

Objective: By the end of this course, students will be able to use interpersonal skills to successfully take part in activities with other people at home, school, and in the workplace.

Outcome: By the end of this course, students will role-play scenarios.

Goal: Students will build interpersonal skills in the domains of communication and collaboration.

Time: Students can work through the 10 lessons of this course at their own pace.

Prerequisite: None

Common Core State Standards (CCSS): RI.9-10.1, RI.9-10.4, SL.9-10.1, SL.9-10.6, W.9-10.4, W.9-10.6, W.9- 10.10, L.9-10.1, L.9-10.4

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS): 110.31.(b)(1)(A), 110.31. (b)(1) (B) and (E), 110.31.(b)(6), 110.31.(b) (13), 110.31.(b)(17), 110.31. (b)(24)- (26)

Competencies: Interpersonal skills, communication skills, self-determination







Social Emotional Learning (Transition) Scope & Sequence

Scope and Sequence: Discovering Self-Awareness

Pre-Course Assessment

Unit 1: Identifying Emotions

Lesson 1: What is Social-Emotional Learning?

Lesson 2: What is Self-Awareness?

Lesson 3: Emotions: Optimism and Pessimism

Lesson 4: Identifying and Reacting to Emotions

End of Unit Wrap-Up and Reflection

Unit 2: Recognizing Assets and Needs

Lesson 1: Identifying Assets

Lesson 2: Identifying Needs

Lesson 3: Connect to Emotions

Lesson 4: Self-Determination and Self-Efficacy

End of Unit Wrap-Up and Reflection

Unit 3: Self-Perception

Lesson 1: What is Self-Perception?

Lesson 2: Self-Monitoring

Lesson 3: Connect to Emotions

Lesson 4: Appreciating Diversity

End of Unit Wrap-Up and Reflection

Unit 4: Self-Confidence

Lesson 1: What is Self-Confidence?

Lesson 2: Growth Mindset and Resilience

Lesson 3: Connect to Emotions

Lesson 4: Self-Advocacy Role-Play

End of Unit Wrap-Up and Reflection

End of Course Wrap-Up and Reflection

Post-Course Assessment and Evaluation

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Objective: Students will build selfawareness by learning to identify their emotions and appropriate responses to these emotions to answer the **Essential Questions:** *What am I feeling? How do I know?*

Outcome: By the end of this course, students will be able to identify the emotions **optimism** and **pessimism** and work collaboratively to identify these and other emotions in role-play scenarios.

Goal: Students will build selfawareness skills by identifying and understanding emotions.

Time: Students can work through the 16 lessons of this course at their own pace.

Prerequisite: None.

Competencies: Self-awareness, communication skills, interpersonal skills

Scope and Sequence: Building Social Awareness

Pre-Course Assessment

Unit 1: Perspective

Lesson 1: What is Perspective?

Lesson 2: Different Points of View

Lesson 3: Connect to Emotions

Lesson 4: Social Cues and Emotional Space

End of Unit Reflection and Assessment

Unit 2: Expressing Concerns for Others

Lesson 1:What is Empathy?

Lesson 2: What is Sympathy?

Lesson 3: Connect to Emotions

Lesson 4: Good Sportsmanship and Manners

End of Unit Reflection and Assessment

Unit 3: Appreciating Diversity

Lesson 1: What is Diversity?

Lesson 2: Different Types of Diversity

Lesson 3: Connect to Emotions

Lesson 4: Asking & Answering Appropriate Questions

End of Unit Reflection and Assessment

Unit 4: Respect for Others

Lesson 1: How do you Show Respect for Others?

Lesson 2: Cultural Sensitivity & Having Difficult Conversations

Lesson 3: Connect to Emotions

Lesson 4: Summative Assessment

End of Unit Reflection and Assessment

End of Course Reflection and Assessment

Post-Course Assessment and Evaluation

Objective: Students will build social awareness skills by learning to identify their emotions and appropriate responses to these emotions to answer the **Essential Questions:** What is someone else feeling? How do I know? How will I act as a result?

Outcome: By the end of this course, students will learn how to develop skills and resources to facilitate their own social awareness.

CCSS: RI.9-10.1, RI.9-10.7, SL.9-10.1, SL.9-10.2, W.9-10.10

TEKS: 110.31.(b)(24)-(26), 110.31.(b) (9), 110.31.(b)(12), 110.31.(b)(6), 110.31.(b)(13)

Goal: Students will build social awareness skills by identifying and understanding emotions.

Time: Students can work through the 16 lessons of this course at their own pace.

Prerequisite: None.

Competencies: Awe, Compassion, and Love



Scope and Sequence: Developing Self-Management

Pre-Course Assessment

Unit 1: Self-Discipline

Lesson 1: What is Social-Emotional Learning?

Lesson 2: What is Self-Discipline?

Lesson 3: Connect to Emotions

Lesson 4: Saying Yes and No

End of Unit Reflection and Assessment

Unit 2: Impulse Control

Lesson 1: What is Impulse Control?

Lesson 2: Self-Regulation

Lesson 3: Connect to Emotions

Lesson 4: Managing Interruptions

End of Unit Reflection and Assessment

Unit 3: Self-Motivation

Lesson 1: What is Self-Motivation?

Lesson 2: Positive Attitudes

Lesson 3: Connect to Emotions

Lesson 4: Strengths and Interests

End of Unit Reflection and Assessment

Unit 4: Goal Setting

Lesson 1: Setting Goals

Lesson 2: S.M.A.R.T Goals

Lesson 3: Connect to Emotions

Lesson 4: Persistence and Grit

End of Unit Reflection and Assessment

Objective: Students will build selfmanagement skills by learning to identify the emotions of frustration and fear and determine appropriate responses to these emotions to answer the **Essential Questions:** How do I keep my cool? How do I stay in control?

Outcome: By the end of this course, students will learn how to develop skills and resources to facilitate their own selfmanagement.

CCSS: RI.9-10.1, RI.9-10.7, SL.9-10.1, SL.9.10.2, W.9-10.10

TEKS: 110.31.(b)(24)-(26), 110.31. (b)(9), 110.31.(b)(12), 110.31.(b)(6), 110.31.(b)(13)

Goal: Students will build selfawareness skills by identifying and understanding emotions.

Time: Students can work through the 16 lessons of this course at their own pace.

Prerequisite: None.

Competencies: Frustration and fear



Scope and Sequence: Developing Self-Management



Unit 5: Organizational Skills

Lesson 1: What are Organizational Skills?

Lesson 2: Asking for Help

Lesson 3: Connect to Emotions

Lesson 4: Developing Resources

End of Unit Reflection and Assessment

Unit 6: Stress Management

Lesson 1: What is Stress?

Lesson 2: Calming Strategies

Lesson 3: Connect to Emotions

Lesson 4: Summative Assessment

End of Unit Reflection and Assessment

End of Course Reflection

Scope and Sequence: Responsible Decision-Making

Pre-Course Assessment

Unit 1: The Decision-Making Process, Part 1

Lesson 1: The Decision-Making Process

Lesson 2: Identifying the Problem

Lesson 3: Connect to Emotions

Lesson 4: Gathering Information and Prioritizing

End of Unit Reflection and Assessment

Unit 2: The Decision-Making Process, Part 2

Lesson 1: Understanding Choices and Options

Lesson 2: Making a Decision

Lesson 3: Connect to Emotions

Lesson 4: Implementing the Decision

End of Unit Reflection and Assessment

Unit 3: Assessing and Evaluating

Lesson 1: Self-Monitoring and Follow Through

Lesson 2: Evaluating Results

Lesson 3: Connect to Emotions

Lesson 4: Persistence and Perseverance

End of Unit Reflection and Assessment

Unit 4: Ethical Responsibilities

Lesson 1: Ethics, Values, and Morals

Lesson 2: Rules, Norms, and Manners

Lesson 3: Connect to Emotions

Lesson 4: Personal Safety and Health Concerns

End of Unit Reflection and Assessment

Post-Course Assessment and Evaluation

Objective: Students will learn the process for making responsible decisions while also working to answer the **Essential Questions:** *How do I make decisions? How do I know if my decision was good?*

Outcome: By the end of this course, students will learn how to use a 7-step process to make a responsible decision.

CCSS: RI.9-10.1, RI.9-10.7, SL.9-10.1, SL.9-10.2, W.9-10.10

TEKS: 110.31.(b)(24)-(26), 110.31.(b) (9), 110.31.(b)(12), 110.31.(b)(6), 110.31.(b)(13)

Goal: Students will build their capacity for making decisions.

Time: Students can work through the 20 lessons of this course at their own pace.

Prerequisite: None.

Competencies: Caring, concern, and curiosity



Scope and Sequence: Responsible Decision-Making



Unit 5: Responding to Peer Pressure

Lesson 1: Peer Pressure

Lesson 2: Standing Up for Yourself and Others

Lesson 3: Connect to Emotions

Lesson 4: Summative Assessment

End of Unit Reflection and Assessment

Scope and Sequence: Growing Healthy Relationships

Pre-Course Assessment

Unit 1: Communication

Lesson 1: Speaking and Active Listening

Lesson 2: Writing

Lesson 3: Connect to Emotions

Lesson 4: Body Langua

End of Unit Reflection and Assessment

Unit 2: Relationship-Building

Lesson 1: Types of Relationships

Lesson 2: Managing Relationships

Lesson 3: Connect to Emotions

Lesson 4: Asking and Offering Help

End of Unit Reflection and Assessment

Unit 3: Social Engagement

Lesson 1: Recognizing Unhealthy Relationships

Lesson 2: Harassment, Bullying, and Peer Pressure

Lesson 3: Connect to Emotions

Lesson 4: Managing Conflicts

End of Unit Reflection and Assessment

Unit 4: Teamwork

Lesson 1: Collaboration

Lesson 2: Giving & Receiving Feedback & Compliments

Lesson 3: Connect to Emotions

Lesson 4: Summative Assessment

End of Unit Reflection and Assessment

End of Course Reflection and Assessment

Post-Course Assessment and Evaluation

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Objective: Students will build their ability to grow and maintain healthy relationships and learn to communicate effectively to answer the Essential Questions: How do we work together? What does it take to build relationships?

Outcome: By the end of this course, students will learn how to develop and maintain healthy relationships using communication skills.

CCSS: RI.9-10.1, RI.9-10.7, SL.9-10.1, SL.9-10.2, W.9-10.10

TEKS: 110.31.(b)(24)-(26), 110.31.(b) (9), 110.31.(b)(12), 110.31.(b)(6), 110.31.(b)(13)

Goal: Students will build communication and relationship skills.

Time: Students can work through the 16 lessons of this course at their own pace.

Prerequisite: None.

Competencies: Trust and Apprehension



Financial Literacy Scope & Sequence

Lesson 1: Working Hard for the Money: Career Options

- Identify career options and education or training required for different careers
- Name sources of income
- Explain the relationship between income and taxes
- Demonstrate how to research and analyze different careers

Lesson 2: Designing Dreams: Financial Planning

- Determine personal values and financial goals
- Determine personal financial decisions
- Create a financial plan
- Summarize the purpose of financial planning

Lesson 3: Can You Pay Your Bills?: Spending and Budgeting

- Develop a plan for spending and saving
- Create a system for keeping financial records
- Identify personal income and expenses or system for cash flow management

Lesson 4: Boost Your Savings: The Importance of Saving

- Describe how savings affects financial well-being
- Explain compound interest
- Identify and research savings products
- Explain how interest is computed on savings

Lesson 5: Bank Your Bucks: Choosing a Banking Partner

- Analyze different financial institutions and conduct a comparative analysis of each institution
- Explain the key differences between checking and savings accounts
- Demonstrate how to control personal information
- Understand the benefits of using federally insured financial instituions



Lesson 6: Bread-and-Butter: Managing Your Paycheck

- Decode and identify elements of a paycheck
- Discuss how taxes, personal exemptions, and deductions impact net pay
- Explain how to calculate gross and net income
- Discuss the IRS Form W-4

Lesson 7: Capacity, Character, Collateral, Capital: Credit

- Define creditworthiness
- Evaluate positive and negative types of credit
- Explain credit factors and risks and how credit scores work
- Discuss how to maintain or increase credit score
- Explain how credit is damaged

Lesson 8: The Almighty Dollar?: Credit Cards

- Identify how credit cards differ from debit cards
- Discuss different types of credit cards
- Summarize credit card key terms and conditions and consumer protection laws
- Evaluate credit card offers and explain how to manage a credit card
- Demonstrate how to compute the debt-to-limit ratio

Lesson 9: As Easy as Pi: Financial Ratios

- Identify common financial ratios
- Demonstrate and explain how to calculate financial ratios
- Discuss how financial ratios impact financial decision making and creditworthiness

Lesson 10: Convertible or Clunker?: Automobile Purchase

- Research and investigate secured and unsecured installment loans
- Calculate how much car to afford
- Evaluate long-term costs associated with buying a car, including insurance and maintenance
- Explain the difference between leasing and purchasing



Lesson 11: Risky Business: Risk Management and Insurance

- Identify common risks and strategies to reduce risk
- Explain the purpose and importance of various insurance types
- Recognize when insurance is needed and how to get it

Lesson 12: Halls of Knowledge: Financing College

- Identify the costs of college
- Discuss student loan management
- Research and compare different college financial aid choices
- Discuss the earning potential of a degree in relationship to its cost

Lesson 13: The Policy of Personal Choice: Understanding the Economy

- Understand how the economy impacts personal financial choices
- Summarize monetary and fiscal policy
- Understand inflation
- Understand economic cycles

Lesson 14: Increasing the Value of Your Money: Financial Markets and Investing

- Understand how investing helps meet financial goals and build wealth over time
- Research and evaluate investment vehicles and resources
- Explain how investments are regulated
- Explain how investments can be impacted by economic and business cycles

Lesson 15: Road to Retirement: Retirement Planning

- Explain how long-term retirement savings through investing builds wealth
- Identify differences in retirement planning strategies
- Create a retirement plan
- Understand Social Security benefits



Lesson 16: Crash Pad: Homeownership and Renting

- Explain the responsibilities and expenses of renting versus owning
- Analyze renting versus homeownership
- Evaluate sound financial decision making for renting and owning property
- Discuss costs related to homeownership
- Discuss how homeownership can create wealth
- Understand the mortgage approval process

Lesson 17: Pocket Giving: Charitable Giving

- Evaluate charitable giving
- Analyze monetary and nonmonetary forms of giving
- Create a spending plan to include giving
- Discuss tax deductions for giving

Lesson 18: Paving the Future: Estate Planning

- Identify elements of an estate plan
- Evaluate how to title property
- Explain the importance of a will
- Understand the consequences of not having an estate plan

Lesson 19: Financial Sleuth: Financial Resources

- Demonstrate how to find and use financial resources
- Differentiate between credible and dishonest financial resources
- Define and explain the role of a financial planner
- Understand federal and state consumer protection laws and self-regulatory organizations

Lesson 20: Protect Yourself: Consumer Protection

- Explain identity theft
- Evaluate consumer rights and protection laws
- Demonstrate how to protect personal information

Lesson 21: Launching Your Dream: Entrepreneurship 1: Starting a Business

• Identify and consider risks and rewards of entrepreneurship

- Evaluate business start-up practices
- Explain how entrepreneurship and innovation are a source of economic growth
- Identify the types of business organizations (sole proprietorship, corporations, LLC, and so on)

Lesson 22: Maintenance Mode: Entrepreneurship 2: Maintaining a Business

- Understand and describe tax planning and reports
- Debate business management strategies
- Explain insurance choices for businesses

