

COURSE INTRODUCTION:**Career Development**

The units in career development are designed to assist students in developing the knowledge and skills to make sound decisions about their educational and career goals. Recognizing that career development is a life-long process, these units build around the concepts of career awareness in the elementary grades, career exploration at the middle school level, and planning and decision making at the high school level. The ultimate outcome is that all students will develop and maintain a rigorous and relevant personal plan of study that will guide them into a successful post-secondary transition. The three major areas covered are:

Applying career exploration and planning skills in the achievement of life career goals.

Major Points: This area includes individual planning skills as vital learning for K-12 students. Career exploration and planning skills are developmental in nature and build upon each of the other domains. Career exploration emphasizes the dignity and necessity of all work and workers; the role of preferences and skills in job satisfaction and the concept of a “balanced life.” Included will be the inter-relationship of all parts of one’s life (e.g. family, community, work, and personal interests) across the life span. The concept of life career planning emphasizes the integration of knowledge and understanding of skills required in the world of work and daily living.

Knowing where and how to obtain information about the world of work and post-secondary training/education.

Major Points: This area is intended to help K-12 students know how to seek information that is credible, age-appropriate, and unbiased. Students will be provided with systematic and sequential opportunities to learn about and understand the level of preparation required for various occupations (e.g., apprenticeships, career and technical education, 4-year/2-year college or university, and the military). Knowledge, skill and understanding will include the kinds of career information resources available (e.g., print/electronic/personal interviews) and how to access the information independently. The purpose is to add to the individual’s ability to be an advocate for self.

Applying skills for career readiness and success.

Major Points: Employment readiness is considered to be developmental in nature and includes helping K-12 students develop individual skills of: responsibility taking, dependability, punctuality, integrity, self-management and effort. In addition, employment readiness skills include appreciation and respect for other’s differences and the ability to work effectively as a team member to accomplish the goals of the organization. These are the skills that contribute to work performance and add value to one’s contribution in the classroom and in the workplace.

<p>UNIT DESCRIPTION: Finding My Place In The Community</p> <p>This unit is designed to help students understand that there are many occupations in which personal preferences can be a part of their future work. Students will complete a checklist that identifies their preferences for working conditions. This checklist will be used as an exploration guide throughout the current year and saved for comparison/assessment next year. Students will be introduced to various career explorations of electronic and print resources, software, Web Quests and bibliographic resources.</p>	<p>SUGGESTED UNIT TIMELINE: 2 Lessons</p> <p>CLASS PERIOD (min.): 30 minutes each</p>
<p>ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does understanding one's interests and strengths relate to career exploration? 2. Why is researching a career important in the career decision-making process? 	
<p style="text-align: center;">CROSSWALK TO STANDARDS</p>	
<p>Mississippi College and Career Readiness Standards:</p> <p>ELA: RL.4.9 C, L.4.4c, SL.4.1c, SL.4.3, SL.4.4, W.4.8 https://districtaccess.mde.k12.ms.us/curriculumandInstruction/MississippiCurriculumFrameworks/ELA/2016-MS-CCRS-ELA.pdf</p> <p>Math: https://districtaccess.mde.k12.ms.us/curriculumandInstruction/Mathematics%20Resources/MS%20CCSSM%20Framework%20Documents/2016-MS-CCRS-Math.pdf</p>	
<p>American School Counselor Association (ASCA) Mindsets and Behaviors: M 4, M 6 B-SS.1</p> <p>https://schoolcounselor.org/asca/media/asca/home/MindsetsBehaviors.pdf</p>	
<p>ASSESSMENT DESCRIPTIONS*: The student will be provided opportunities to demonstrate an understanding of careers, post-secondary training, and education via charts, student-made posters, student-written letters, and through other media resources.</p>	

Obj. #	INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES (research-based): (Teacher Methods)				
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct <input type="checkbox"/> Indirect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Experiential <input type="checkbox"/> Independent study <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interactive Instruction				
1 2 3	See: Lesson #1: Where do I Fit? Lesson #2: Information, Please!				
Obj. #	INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES: (What Students Do)				
1 2 3	See: Lesson #1: Where do I Fit? Lesson #2: Information, Please!				
	<u>Direct:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Structured Overview <input type="checkbox"/> Lecture <input type="checkbox"/> Explicit Teaching <input type="checkbox"/> Drill & Practice <input type="checkbox"/> Compare & Contrast <input type="checkbox"/> Didactic Questions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Demonstrations (Ls. 1,2) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guided & Shared - reading, listening, viewing, thinking (Ls. 1,2)	<u>Indirect:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Problem Solving <input type="checkbox"/> Case Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Reading for Meaning <input type="checkbox"/> Inquiry <input type="checkbox"/> Reflective Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Writing to Inform <input type="checkbox"/> Concept Formation <input type="checkbox"/> Concept Mapping <input type="checkbox"/> Concept Attainment <input type="checkbox"/> Cloze Procedure	<u>Experiential:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Field Trips <input type="checkbox"/> Narratives <input type="checkbox"/> Conducting Experiments <input type="checkbox"/> Simulations <input type="checkbox"/> Games <input type="checkbox"/> Storytelling <input type="checkbox"/> Focused Imaging <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Field Observations (Ls.2) <input type="checkbox"/> Role-playing <input type="checkbox"/> Model Building <input type="checkbox"/> Surveys	<u>Independent Study</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Essays <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Assisted Instruction <input type="checkbox"/> Journals <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Logs <input type="checkbox"/> Reports <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Activity Packages <input type="checkbox"/> Correspondence Lessons <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Homework <input type="checkbox"/> Research Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Assigned Questions <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Centers	<u>Interactive Instruction</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Debates <input type="checkbox"/> Role Playing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Panels (Ls. 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Brainstorming <input type="checkbox"/> Peer Partner Learning <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion (Ls. 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory Groups <input type="checkbox"/> Think, Pair, Share <input type="checkbox"/> Cooperative Learning <input type="checkbox"/> Jigsaw <input type="checkbox"/> Problem Solving <input type="checkbox"/> Structured Controversy <input type="checkbox"/> Tutorial Groups <input type="checkbox"/> Interviewing <input type="checkbox"/> Conferencing
UNIT RESOURCES:					
Common Core State Standards (CCSS), accessed May 17, 2013, from http://www.corestandards.org/					
ASCA National Standards for Students (ASCA), accessed June 11, 2013, from http://static.pdesas.org/content/documents/ASCA_National_Standards_for_Students.pdf					

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