



Sparta Area School District

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Course Outcome Summary

Course Information: **School Counseling**

Description: This course is about obtaining skills in academic, social emotional and career categories in order to develop and continue to grow as a student.

Instruction Level: K-12

Course Standards:

Mindset standards include things such as self-confidence, sense of belonging, understanding post-secondary options, belief in the ability to achieve and positive attitude. Behavior standards include skills in learning strategies, self-management and social skills.

Units

1. Academic Success
2. Character Education
3. Protective Behaviors
4. Social Skills
5. Self-Management Skills
6. Careers
7. Transitions

Unit Outlines

1. Academic Success

Mindset Standards Met

- Belief in development of whole self, including a healthy balance of mental, social/emotional and physical well-being
- Self-confidence in ability to succeed
- Sense of belonging in the school environment
- Understanding that postsecondary education and life-long learning are necessary for long-term career success
- Belief in using abilities to their fullest to achieve high-quality results and outcomes
- Positive attitude toward work and learning

Behavior Standards Met

Learning Strategy Standards

- Use time-management, organizational and study skills
- Apply self-motivation and self-direction to learning
- Identify long- and short-term academic, career and social/emotional goals
- Actively engage in challenging coursework

Self-Management Standards

- Demonstrate ability to work independently
- Demonstrate perseverance to achieve long- and short-term goals
- Demonstrate ability to overcome barriers to learning
- Demonstrate effective coping skills when faced with a problem
- Demonstrate ability to manage transitions and ability to adapt to changing situations and responsibilities

Social Skill Standards

- Use effective oral and written communication skills and listening skills
- Demonstrate ethical decision-making and social responsibility
- Use effective collaboration and cooperation skills
- Use leadership and teamwork skills to work effectively in diverse teams
- Demonstrate advocacy skills and ability to assert self, when necessary

Essential Question:

Students will be able to answer the question(s):

- What attitudes, knowledge and skills contribute to successful learning in school and across the life span?

Essential Knowledge:

What are the key concepts/vocabulary/ideas that students will have mastery of by the completion of the unit?

- Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of and responsibility for self as a learner.
- Students will be able to identify and model personal attitudes and behaviors, which lead to successful learning.

2. Character Education Unit

Mindset Standards Met

- Self-confidence in ability to succeed
- Sense of belonging in the school environment
- Positive attitude toward work and learning

Behavior Standards Met

Learning Strategy Standards

- Identify long- and short-term academic, career and social/emotional goals
- Gather evidence and consider multiple perspectives to make informed decisions

Self-Management Standards

- Demonstrate ability to assume responsibility
- Demonstrate self-discipline and self-control
- Demonstrate ability to delay immediate gratification for long-term rewards
- Demonstrate perseverance to achieve long- and short-term goals
- Demonstrate ability to overcome barriers to learning
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Social Skill Standards

- Create positive and supportive relationships with other students
- Demonstrate empathy
- Demonstrate ethical decision-making and social responsibility
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- Demonstrate advocacy skills and ability to assert self, when necessary
- Demonstrate social maturity and behaviors appropriate to the situation and the environment

Essential Question:

Students will be able to answer the question(s):

- What traits, skills and beliefs should I develop to attribute to home, school and the community?

Essential Knowledge:

What are the key concepts/vocabulary/ideas that students will have mastery of by the completion of the unit?

- Students will be able to demonstrate how their personal beliefs, attitudes and feelings impact their interactions with others.

3. Protective Behaviors Unit

Mindset Standards Met

- Belief in development of whole self, including a healthy balance of mental, social/emotional and physical well-being
- Self-confidence in ability to succeed
- Sense of belonging in the school environment

Behavior Standards Met

Learning Strategy Standards

- Demonstrate critical-thinking skills to make informed decisions
- Demonstrate creativity
- Apply media and technology skills
- Identify long- and short-term academic, career and social/emotional goals
- Gather evidence and consider multiple perspectives to make informed decisions

Self- Management Standards

- Demonstrate ability to assume responsibility
- Demonstrate self-discipline and self- control
- Demonstrate ability to delay immediate gratification for long-term rewards
- Demonstrate effective coping skills when faced with a problem
- Demonstrate the ability to balance school, home and community activities
- Demonstrate personal safety skills

Social Skill Standards

- Create positive and supportive relationships with other students
- Create relationships with adults that support success
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Essential Question:

Students will be able to answer the question(s):

- How do I effectively problem solve to make safe and healthy decisions?

Essential Knowledge:

What are the key concepts/vocabulary/ideas that students will have mastery of by the completion of the unit?

- Students will be able to differentiate and demonstrate a basic understanding between healthy and unhealthy behaviors.
- Students will be able to understand the importance of social, emotional and physical wellbeing.
- Students will understand develop skills for self-advocacy.

4. Social Skills Unit

Mindset Standards Met

- Belief in development of whole self, including a healthy balance of mental, social/emotional and physical well-being
- Self-confidence in ability to succeed
- Sense of belonging in the school environment
- Positive attitude toward work and learning

Behavior Standards Met

Learning Strategy Standards

- Demonstrate critical-thinking skills to make informed decisions
- Use time-management, organizational and study skills
- Apply self-motivation and self-direction to learning
- Apply media and technology skills
- Identify long- and short-term academic, career and social/emotional goals
- Gather evidence and consider multiple perspectives to make informed decisions
- Participate in enrichment and extracurricular activities

Self-Management Standards

- Demonstrate ability to assume responsibility
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Essential Question:

Students will be able to answer the question(s):

- What knowledge, attitudes and interpersonal skills do I need to understand myself and appreciate the diverse backgrounds of others?

Essential Knowledge:

What are the key concepts/vocabulary/ideas that students will have mastery of by the completion of the unit?

- Students will demonstrate the skills necessary to maintain positive interpersonal relationships.
- Students will demonstrate the necessary social skills to effectively work with others.

5. Self-Management Unit**Mindset Standards Met**

- Belief in development of whole self, including a healthy balance of mental, social/emotional and physical well-being
- Self-confidence in ability to succeed
- Sense of belonging in the school environment
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Behavior Standards Met**Learning Strategy Standards**

- Demonstrate critical-thinking skills to make informed decisions
- Demonstrate creativity
- Use time-management, organizational and study skills
- Apply self-motivation and self-direction to learning
- Apply media and technology skills
- Set high standards of quality
- Identify long- and short-term academic, career and social/emotional goals
- Actively engage in challenging coursework
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Essential Question:

Students will be able to answer the question(s):

- How do I identify and express feelings appropriately?
- How do I manage and problem solve situations effectively?
- How do I advocate for myself with adults and peers?

Essential Knowledge:

What are the key concepts/vocabulary/ideas that students will have mastery of by the completion of the unit?

- Students will demonstrate the ability to identify and manage feelings to appropriately interact with others and to successfully navigate school and work.
- Students will practice self-control and exhibit behaviors appropriate to the situation and environment.

6. Career Unit

Mindset Standards Met

- Self-confidence in ability to succeed
- Sense of belonging in the school environment
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Essential Question:

Students will be able to answer the question(s):

- How do my interests and abilities influence my career choices?
- How do I apply my interests and abilities to setting goals?
- How do I utilize goal setting to reach my personal, academic and career goals?

Essential Knowledge:

What are the key concepts/vocabulary/ideas that students will have mastery of by the completion of the unit?

- Students will identify their academic strengths and challenges.
- Students will identify their strengths, challenges and motivators in relationship to their role as a learner.
- Students will acquire the self-knowledge necessary to make informed career decisions.
- Students will understand how their academic experiences prepare them to be successful in the world of work, in their interpersonal relationships, and in the community.

7. Transitions Unit

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Essential Question:

Students will be able to answer the question(s):

- How will I manage and adapt to changing situations and responsibilities?

Essential Knowledge:

What are the key concepts/vocabulary/ideas that students will have mastery of by the completion of the unit?

- Apply the skills necessary to improve learning and make successful academic transitions.
- Apply knowledge in establishing and achieving academic goals.
- Demonstrate the ability to seek help from adults and peers when needed in a new setting.

