Grade Level/Course Title: Gr 8/ AD5-Gr8-Unit1 Course Code: Academic Development

Academic Development

The units in Academic Development are designed to assist students K-12 in developing the academic skills necessary to be successful in the classroom and in life. The three major areas covered in Academic Development are:

Applying skills needed for educational achievement.

Major Points: The emphasis in this area is developing "academic self efficacy." This includes instilling the belief that every individual can set and attain academic goals. Self-management, study and test taking skills are systematically and intentionally taught to every K-12 student. Sources of help are available for students; they are taught to recognize the need for academic assistance and where and how to get help.

Applying the skills of transitioning between educational levels.

Major Points: The learning within this area includes helping K-12 students acquire the information necessary to make smooth transitions from grade to grade and setting to setting (e.g. elementary school to middle school; school to post-secondary options). Understanding expectations of teachers and requirements of subject areas are examples of information that will help students understand the changes required by transitions.

Developing and monitoring personal educational plans.

Major Points: The Missouri School Improvement Program requires all students to have individual educational and career plans that are initiated no later than 8th grade. This area places emphasis on the knowledge, understanding and skills K-12 students need in order to develop a meaningful educational plan. Specific tasks include: learning to set goals; developing a plan to reach goals; knowing where to go for information/assistance; reviewing and modifying plans.

UNIT DESCRIPTION: Moving On...Transitioning To High School

Students will explore the similarities and differences between middle and high school, and they will be introduced to a variety of high school concepts such as: academic credits, the differences between core and elective credits, the number of credits needed for promotion, extracurricular offerings, and the meaning of grade point average and how it correlates with credits and participation in extracurricular activities.

SUGGESTED UNIT TIMELINE: 2 Lessons

CLASS PERIOD: 50 minutes each

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:

1. How do you feel about new experiences?

ESSENTIAL MEASURABLE LEARNING OBJECTIVES	CCSS LEARNING GOALS	CROSSWALK TO STANDARDS				
	(Anchor Standards/Clusters)	GLSs/CLEs	PS	ccss	OTHER	DOK
					ASCA	
The student will identify five skills necessary to transition to high school.		AD.5.A.08.a.i: Identify the information and skills necessary to transition to high school.		SL.8.1 SL.8.2 L.8.1 L.8.2 L.8.3 L.8.4 L.8.5 L.8.6	AD A. Students will acquire the attitudes, knowledge and skills contributing to effective learning in school and across the lifespan.	Level 2
2. The student will confirm their understanding of graduation requirements, credit, core classes, and electives, and GPA by completing the <i>Moving On</i> checklist.		AD.5.A.08.a.i		SL.8.1 SL.8.2 L.8.1 L.8.2 L.8.3 L.8.4 L.8.5 L.8.6 RST.6-8.2 RST.6-8.4	AD A	Level 2

3. The student will list five extracurricular activities they are interested in.	AD.5.A.08.a.i	SL.8.1 SL.8.2 L.8.1 L.8.2 L.8.3 L.8.4 L.8.5 L.8.6	AD A	Level 2
4. The student will list three questions they have about high school based on the results of their checklist.	AD.5.A.08.a.i	SL.8.1 SL.8.2 L.8.1 L.8.2 L.8.3 L.8.4 L.8.5 L.8.6	AD A	Level 2

ASSESSMENT DESCRIPTIONS*:

Checklist / Short answer questionnaire

True, active assessment will take place during the development of the Personal Educational Plan. The development of the Personal Plan of Study (Four Year Plan) will take place after both lessons are presented It is advised that the counselor meet with each student individually to develop and/or finalize each student's Personal Educational Plan.

Obj. #	INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES (research-based): (Teacher Methods)
	X DirectX Indirect
	Experiential X Independent study X Interactive Instruction
1 2 3 4	See Lessons: Lesson 1 Give Yourself Some Credit Lesson 2 Options and Extras!!! Learn All About It!!!

Obj.#	INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVIT	TES: (What Students Do)						
1 2 3 4	See Lessons: Lesson 1 Give Yourself Some Credit Lesson 2 Options and Extras!!! Learn All About It!!! Direct: Indirect: Experiential: Independent Study Interactive Instruction							
	XStructured Overview (Ls. 1)XLecture (Ls. 1)Explicit TeachingDrill & PracticeXCompare & Contrast (Ls. 1)Didactic QuestionsDemonstrationsGuided & Shared - reading, listening, viewing, thinking	Problem Solving Case Studies Reading for Meaning X Inquiry (Ls. 1, 2) Reflective Discussion X Writing to Inform (Ls. 1, 2) X Concept Formation (Ls. 2) Concept Mapping Concept Attainment Cloze Procedure	Field Trips Narratives Conducting Experiments Simulations Games Storytelling Focused Imaging Field Observations Role-playing Model Building Surveys	Essays Computer Assisted Instruction Journals Learning Logs Reports Learning Activity Packages Correspondence Lessons Learning Contracts X Homework (Ls. 1) Research Projects Assigned Questions Learning Centers	Debates Role Playing Panels Brainstorming Peer Partner Learning X Discussion (Ls. 1) Laboratory Groups X Think, Pair, Share (Ls. 1) Cooperative Learning Jigsaw Problem Solving Structured Controversy Tutorial Groups Interviewing Conferencing			
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