

Unit 1 Title: Learning for Life

Grade Level: 9-12

Number of Lessons in Unit: 6 (2 lessons each for grades 9, 10; 1 lesson each for grades 11, 12)

Time Required for each lesson: 1 to 2 class periods

Best time of year to implement this unit: Beginning of school year

Lesson Titles:

9th Grade Lesson 1: Study Skills Workshop

Materials/Special Preparations Required:

Personal Study Skills and Habit Review Survey

Study Skills Tip Sheet

MSCA Pointers for Students - Searching for Solutions: Improving Student Study

Skills Call the Missouri School Counselor Association 1-800-264-6722 or email at msca@mvp.net for copies

9th Grade Lesson 2: Making Your Own Master Calendar

Materials/Special Preparations Required:

School year calendar

Optional - Blank Calendar

10th Grade Lesson 3: Strategies for Taking Standardized Timed Tests

Materials/Special Preparations Required:

Individual student reports from standardized tests

PLAN PowerPoint presentation

PSAT/NMSQT DVD presentation

(The *PLAN* PowerPoint may be downloaded from www.act.org/plan.index.html

Information over the *PSAT* DVD presentation may found at

www.collegeboard.com. Test Prep information may be downloaded from either website.)

10th Grade Lesson 4: Prioritizing Time

Materials/Special Preparations Required:

Student Planners/Calendars

Index cards

11th Grade Lesson 5: Progressing Toward Graduation

Materials/Special Preparations Required:

Personal Plans of Study and credit checks

12th Grade Lesson 6: Self-assessment of Self-Management, Study and Test-Taking Skills

Materials/Special Preparations Required:

AD4 Grades 9-12 Summative Self-Evaluation: Parts 1, 2, & 3

Missouri Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Domain:

AD.4: Applying skills needed for educational achievement.

Grade Level Standards (GLSs):

AD.4.A.09.a.i: Review and build upon educational skills necessary to progress toward life-long learning goals.(DOK - 3)

AD.4.B.09.a.i: Review and build upon a self-management system and adjust to increased academic demands. (DOK - 4)

AD.4.A.10.a.i: Assess and apply educational skills necessary to progress toward individual life-long learning goals.(DOK - 4)

AD.4.B.10.a.i: Assess and apply a self-management system to meet increased academic demands. (DOK - 4)

AD.4.A.11.a.i: Consistently utilize educational skills necessary to progress toward individual life-long learning goals. (DOK - 4)

AD.4.B.11.a.i: Consistently utilize a self-management system and adjust to increased academic demands. (DOK - 4)

AD.4.A.12.a.i: Achieve educational levels necessary to teach, maintain, and continue with individual life-long learning goals. (DOK - 4)

AD.4.B.12.a.i: Exhibit self-management skills necessary for educational achievement. (DOK - 2)

American School Counselor Association (ASCA) National Standards:

Academic Development

- A. Students will acquire the attitudes, knowledge and skills contributing to effective learning in school and across the lifespan.

Show Me Standards: Performance Goals (check one or more that apply and identify relevant process standards)

X	Goal 1: Gather, analyze and apply information and ideas 1. Develop questions and ideas to initiate and refine research 4. Use technological tools and other resources to locate, select and organize information 6. Discover and evaluate patterns and relationships in information, ideas and structures 8. Organize data, information and ideas into useful forms (including charts, graphs, outlines) for analysis or presentation 10. Apply acquired information, ideas and skills to different contexts as students, workers, citizens and consumers
X	Goal 2: Communicate effectively within and beyond the classroom 1. Plan and make written, oral and visual presentations for a variety of purposes and audiences 6. Apply communication techniques to the job search and to the workplace
X	Goal 3: Recognize and solve problems 2. Develop and apply strategies based on ways others have prevented or solved problems 3. Develop and apply strategies based on one's own experience in preventing or solving problems

	4. Evaluate the processes used in recognizing and solving problems 6. Examine problems and proposed solutions from multiple perspectives 8. Assess costs, benefits and other consequences of proposed solutions
X	Goal 4: Make decisions and act as responsible members of society 1. Explain reasoning and identify information used to support decisions 5. Develop, monitor and revise plans of action to meet deadlines and accomplish goals 8. Explore, prepare for and seek educational and job opportunities

This lesson supports the development of skills in the following academic content areas.

Academic Content Area(s)		Specific Skill(s)
X	Communication Arts	1. Speaking and writing standard English (including grammar, usage, punctuation, spelling, capitalization) 4. Writing formally (such as reports, narratives, essays) and informally (such as outlines, notes) 6. Participating in formal and informal presentations and discussions of issues and ideas
X	Mathematics	3. Data analysis, probability and statistics 6. Discrete mathematics (such as graph theory, counting techniques, matrices)
X	Social Studies	7. The use of tools of social science inquiry (such as surveys, statistics, maps, documents)
X	Science	7. Processes of scientific inquiry (such as formulating and testing hypotheses)
	Health/Physical Education	
	Fine Arts	

Unit Essential Questions:

How do people develop habits?

Unit Measurable Learning Objectives:

The student will evaluate personal study skills, using the *Personal Study Skills and Habits Review Survey* and *Study Skills Tip Sheet*.

The student will identify at least one study skill habit, which he/she views as a personal strength.

The student also will identify at least one study skill habit to improve upon in order to reach his/her goals.

The student will complete a personal master calendar for the current school year.

Using standardized test score reports, the student will evaluate personal academic strengths and weaknesses.

The student will list at least three ways he/she will use test information to improve academic skills and standardized test scores.

The student will apply the concept of time management by identifying his/her top four priorities/commitments; creating list of priorities/commitments; and identifying strategies for making sure priorities/commitments are scheduled.

The student will compose a paragraph in which he/she identifies the post-secondary option he/she intends to pursue and identifies the steps needed to attain that goal.

The students will adjust high school planning to conform to post-secondary goals.

The student will write a personal essay in which he/she will consider and analyze the skills he/she has developed during his/her school experience to help him/her be a life-long learner.

The student will review and evaluate his/her *Personal Plan of Study* and credit check to ensure progression toward meeting graduation requirements and post-secondary goals.

Unit Instructional Strategies/Instructional Activities:

- ☒ Direct (Structured Overview, Compare & Contrast, Demonstrations)
- ☒ Indirect (Problem-Solving, Inquiry, Reflective Discussion, Writing to Inform, Concept Attainment)
- ☒ Experiential (Role-Playing, Surveys)
- ☒ Independent Study (Essays)
- ☒ Interactive Instruction (Role-Playing, Discussion, Think/Pair/Share, Problem-Solving)

Unit Summative Assessment (acceptable evidence):

Assessment should relate to the performance outcome for goals, objectives and GLS's. Assessment can be question answer, performance activity, etc.

The 3-part summative evaluation for the "Learning for Life" Unit is conducted in the 12th grade. The assessment is a culmination of the work that students have completed in prior grades and encourages students to reflect and project regarding the knowledge and skills required to successfully achieve their goals and continue as life-long learners. This evaluation is located at the end of the 12th grade lesson.

Brief Summary of Unit:

This unit will continue to develop and evaluate students' self-management, study and test-taking skills that they have obtained during their educational career. These skills will enable them to become life-long learners.

What prior knowledge do students need (e.g. the steps to solving a problem) to be successful in this unit?

It will be important for the students to be familiar with self-management, goal-setting, study and test-taking skills. They will need the ability for apply self-assessment processes.