# Life Skills Course Compendium

#### **UNITS OF STUDY\***

Career Exploration Career Preparation Communication Independent & Daily Living Skills Nutrition and Cooking LIFE SKILLS Credits: 5 Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12 This course fulfills the graduation requirement for career education/practical arts.

Life Skills is a one year program designed to expose the student to all areas of family life education. Students will develop independent living skills through projects and activities on topics such as interpersonal relationships, parenting, consumer education, money management, housing, interior design, and nutrition and meal management.

#### **INTERDISCIPLINARY CONNECTIONS**

## NJSLS Companion Standards (Reading & Writing in History, Soc. St., Science, & Tech. Subjects)

**NJSLSA.R1.** Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences and relevant connections from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.

**NJSLSA.R5.** Analyze the structure of texts, including how specific sentences, paragraphs, and larger portions of the text (e.g., a section, chapter, scene, or stanza) relate to each other and the whole.

NJSLSA.R6. Assess how point of view or purpose shapes the content and style of a text.

**NJSLSA.R10.** Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently with scaffolding as needed. **RI.9-10.1.** Accurately cite strong and thorough textual evidence, (e.g., via discussion, written response, etc.) and make relevant connections, to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferentially, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.

**RI.9-10.4.** Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language of a court opinion differs from that of a newspaper).

**RI.9-10.7.** Analyze various perspectives as presented in different mediums (e.g., a person's life story in both print and multimedia), determining which details are emphasized in each account.

**NJSLSA.W7.** Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects, utilizing an inquiry-based research process, based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.

\*See individual units for Pacing Guide, NJSLS Standards, Transfer Skills, Enduring Understandings, Essential Questions, Learning Objectives, Key Vocabulary, Skills, Resources, & Assessments

**NJSLSA.W8.** Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.

**NJSLSA.W9.** Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

#### **21st Century Life and Careers**

**CRP1.** Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee.

**CRP4**. Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason.

**CRP5**. Consider the environmental, social and economic impacts of decisions.

**CRP8.** Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.

**CRP10.** Plan education and career paths aligned to personal goals.

**CRP11**. Use technology to enhance productivity.

CRP12. Work productively in teams while using cultural global competence

9.3.ST.2 Use technology to acquire, manipulate, analyze and report data.

## Technology

**8.2.12.D.6** Synthesize data, analyze trends and draw conclusions regarding the effect of a technology on the individual, society, or the environment and publish conclusions.

**8.2.8.E.1** Identify ways computers are used that have had an impact across the range of human activity and within different careers where they are used.

## **Mathematics**

NJSLS .M. N-Q. Quantities

• Reason quantitatively and use units to solve problems

NJSLS .M. N-CN. The Complex Number System

• Perform arithmetic operations with complex numbers

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR DIVERSE LEARNERS		
English Language Learners	Students Receiving Special Education Services	Differentiation Strategies
<ul> <li>Personal glossary</li> <li>Text-to-speech</li> <li>Extended time</li> <li>Simplified / verbal instructions</li> <li>Frequent breaks</li> </ul> WIDA Can Do Descriptors for Grade 9-12 WIDA Essential Actions Handbook FABRIC Paradigm Wall Township ESL Grading Protocol *Use WIDA Can Do Descriptors in coordination with Student Language Portraits (SLPs).	<ul> <li>Small group/One to one</li> <li>Additional time</li> <li>Review of directions</li> <li>Student restates information</li> <li>Space for movement or breaks</li> <li>Extra visual and verbal cues and prompts</li> <li>Follow a routine/schedule</li> <li>Rest breaks</li> <li>Verbal and visual cues regarding directions and staying on task</li> <li>Checklists</li> <li>Immediate feedback</li> </ul> Students receiving Special Education programming have specific goals and objectives, as well as accommodations and modifications outlined within their Individualized Education Plans (IEP) due to an identified disability and/or diagnosis. In addition to exposure to the general education curriculum, instruction is differentiated based upon the student's needs. The IEP acts as a supplemental curriculum guide inclusive of instructional strategies that support each learner. Considerations for Special Education Students 6-12 National Center on Universal Design for Learning - About UDL UDL Key Terms	Alternative Assessments Games and Tournaments Learning Contracts Leveled Rubrics Personal Agendas Choice of Books/Activities Mini-Workshops to Reteach or Extend Think-Pair-Share by readiness or interest Use of Collaboration of Various Activities Jigsaw Think-Tac-Toe Exploration by Interest Flexible Grouping Goal-Setting with Students