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Unit Overview

- This unit focuses on laws and their ethical foundations. Students will define ethics and ethical decision making. Students will compare and contrast consequence based and rule based ethical reasoning.

Enduring Understanding

Students will identify elements of ethical decision making and apply ethical decision making strategies to ethical problems. Students will also consider how ethics is expressed in out laws and legal system. Understanding the impact of ethical decision making will guide students when dealing with personal and career ethical issues.

Essential Questions

- What is ethics?
- What are the elements of ethical decision making?
- What is business ethics?
- What is Rule Based ethical reasoning?
- What is Consequence Based ethical reasoning?
- How do our laws reflect ethics?
- How does our legal system reflect ethics?
- Why are we obligated to obey laws?
- Are we ever justified in violating the law?

Exit Skills

Upon completion of Unit 2, students will demonstrate the ability to:

- Define ethics and business ethics.
- Identify the elements of ethical decision making.
- Apply Rule Based ethical reasoning to resolve ethical problems.
- Apply Consequence Based ethical reasoning to resolve ethical problems.
- Explain how our laws reflect ethics and how our legal system reflect ethics.
- Explain why are we obligated to obey laws.
- Describe when we are justified in violating the law?

New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS-S)

12.9.3.LW.1	Analyze the nature and scope of the Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security Career Cluster and the role law, public safety, corrections and security play in society and the economy.
12.9.3.LW.2	Formulate ideas, proposals and solutions to ensure effective and efficient delivery of law, public safety, corrections and/or security services.
12.9.3.LW.5	Analyze the various laws, ordinances, regulations and organizational rules that apply to careers in law, public safety, corrections and security.
12.9.3.LW-ENF.1	Demonstrate effective communication skills (e.g., writing, speaking, listening and nonverbal communication) required in law enforcement.
12.9.3.LW-ENF.3	Utilize anger and conflict management strategies to resolve problems in law enforcement settings.
12.9.3.LW-ENF.4	Model behaviors that exhibit integrity and commitment to a code of conduct and ethics for law enforcement professionals.
12.9.3.LW-ENF.5	Analyze the impact of federal, state and local laws on law enforcement procedures.
12.9.3.LW-LEG.1	Demonstrate effective communication skills (e.g., writing, speaking, listening and nonverbal communication) in the legal services environment.
12.9.3.LW-LEG.2	Interpret nonverbal communication cues in order to discern facts from fabrication.

| 12.9.3.LW-LEG.5 | Analyze the role forensics plays in preventing and solving crimes. |

Interdisciplinary Connections

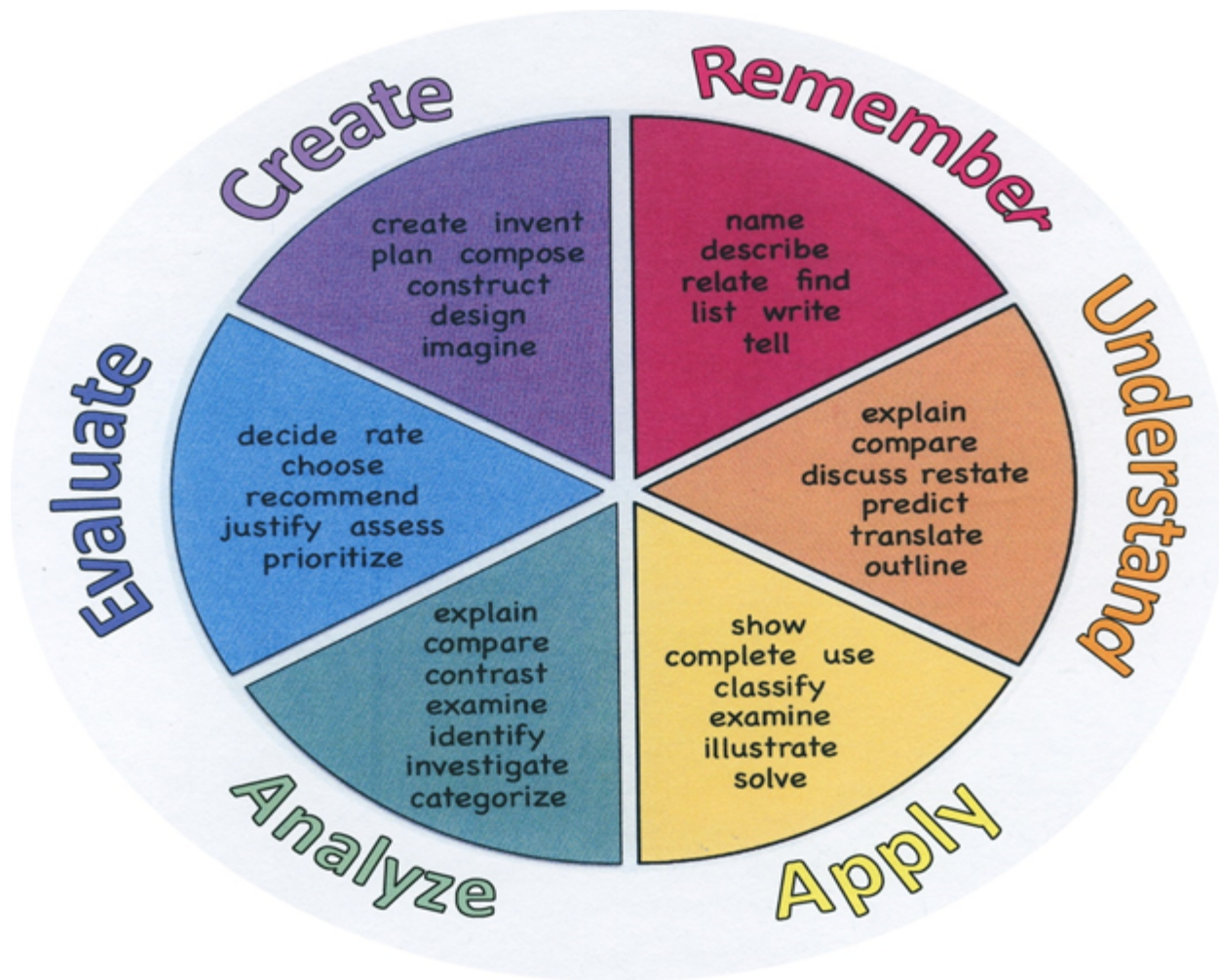| LA.RH.9-10.1 | Accurately cite strong and thorough textual evidence, to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, attending to such features as the date and origin of the information. |
LA.RH.9-10.3	Analyze in detail a series of events described in a text; draw connections between the events, to determine whether earlier events caused later ones or simply preceded them.
LA.RH.9-10.5	Analyze how a text uses structure to emphasize key points or advance an explanation or analysis.
LA.RH.9-10.7	Integrate quantitative or technical analysis (e.g., charts, research data) with qualitative analysis in print or digital text, to analyze information presented via different mediums.
LA.RH.9-10.9	Compare and contrast treatments of the same topic, or of various perspectives, in several primary and secondary sources; analyze how they relate in terms of themes and significant historical concepts.
LA.WHST.9-10.1	Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant sufficient textual and non-textual evidence.
LA.WHST.9-10.1.B	Develop claim(s) and counterclaims using sound reasoning, supplying data and evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both claim(s) and counterclaims in a discipline-appropriate form and in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level and concerns.
LA.WHST.9-10.1.E	Provide a concluding paragraph or section that supports the argument presented.
LA.WHST.9-10.2	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
LA.WHST.9-10.2.B	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
SOC.6.2.12	World History/Global Studies: All students will acquire the knowledge and skills to think analytically and systematically about how past interactions of people, cultures, and the environment affect issues across time and cultures. Such knowledge and skills enable students to make informed decisions as socially and ethically responsible.
SOC.6.3.12.CS4	Critically analyze information, make ethical judgments, and responsibly address controversial issues.

Learning Objectives

- Define ethics and business ethics.
- Identify the elements of ethical decision making.
- Differentiate between Rule Based and Consequence Based ethical reasoning.
- Evaluate the application of Rule Based ethical reasoning to resolve ethical problems.
- Evaluate the application of Consequence Based ethical reasoning to resolve ethical problems.
- Analyze and evaluate how our laws reflect ethics and how our legal system reflect ethics.
- Analyze and evaluate why are we obligated to obey laws.
- Describe when we are justified in violating the law.
- Analyze acts of civil disobedience and evaluate consequences and explain if the actions were justified.

Action Verbs: Below are examples of action verbs associated with each level of the Revised Bloom's Taxonomy.

Remember	Understand	Apply	Analyze	Evaluate	Create
Choose	Classify	Choose	Categorize	Appraise	Combine
Describe	Defend	Dramatize	Classify	Judge	Compose
Define	Demonstrate	Explain	Compare	Criticize	Construct
Label	Distinguish	Generalize	Differentiate	Defend	Design
List	Explain	Judge	Distinguish	Compare	Develop
Locate	Express	Organize	Identify	Assess	Formulate
Match	Extend	Paint	Infer	Conclude	Hypothesize
Memorize	Give Examples	Prepare	Point out	Contrast	Invent
Name	Illustrate	Produce	Select	Critique	Make
Omit	Indicate	Select	Subdivide	Determine	Originate
Recite	Interrelate	Show	Survey	Grade	Organize
Select	Interpret	Sketch	Arrange	Justify	Plan
State	Infer	Solve	Breakdown	Measure	Produce
Count	Match	Use	Combine	Rank	Role Play
Draw	Paraphrase	Add	Detect	Rate	Drive
Outline	Represent	Calculate	Diagram	Support	Devise
Point	Restate	Change	Discriminate	Test	Generate
Quote	Rewrite	Classify	Illustrate		Integrate
Recall	Select	Complete	Outline		Prescribe
Recognize	Show	Compute	Point out		Propose
Repeat	Summarize	Discover	Separate		Reconstruct
Reproduce	Tell	Divide			Revise
	Translate	Examine			Rewrite
	Associate	Graph			Transform
	Compute	Interpolate			
	Convert	Manipulate			
	Discuss	Modify			
	Estimate	Operate			
	Extrapolate	Subtract			
	Generalize				
	Predict				

Bloom's Taxonomy Wheel

- **Create:** create, invent, plan, compose, construct, design, imagine
- **Remember:** name, describe, relate, find, list, write, tell
- **Understand:** explain, compare, discuss, restate, predict, translate, outline
- **Apply:** show, complete, use, classify, examine, illustrate, solve
- **Analyze:** explain, compare, contrast, examine, identify, investigate, categorize
- **Evaluate:** decide, rate, choose, recommend, justify, assess, prioritize

Suggested Activities & Best Practices

- Reading and outlining text
- Teacher oriented class discussion
- Use of PowerPoint to reinforce outlines
- Reaction Papers
- Team debate
- Answering questions
- Vocabulary
- Analyze Real Cases

Assessment Evidence - Checking for Understanding (CFU)

- Students will create outlines that will be reviewed and revised based on PowerPoint Presentation and class discussion-alternate assessement
- Checklists and Google Classroom will be used to review student work for comprehension and understanding
- Unit test-summative assessment
- Evaluation rubric-formative assessment
- Create a Multimedia poster-benchmark assessment

- Admit Tickets
- Anticipation Guide
- Common Benchmarks
- Compare & Contrast
- Create a Multimedia Poster
- DBQ's
- Define
- Describe
- Evaluate
- Evaluation rubrics
- Exit Tickets
- Explaining
- Fist- to-Five or Thumb-Ometer

- Illustration
- Journals
- KWL Chart
- Learning Center Activities
- Multimedia Reports
- Newspaper Headline
- Outline
- Question Stems
- Quickwrite
- Quizzes
- Red Light, Green Light
- Self- assessments
- Socratic Seminar
- Study Guide
- Surveys
- Teacher Observation Checklist
- Think, Pair, Share
- Think, Write, Pair, Share
- Top 10 List
- Unit review/Test prep
- Unit tests
- Web-Based Assessments
- Written Reports

Primary Resources & Materials

- Textbook
- internet
- PowerPoint software
- Handouts
- Smart T.V.

Ancillary Resources

BHS Courtroom

BHS Law Library

Technology Infusion

- Internet research on ethical issues involving Rule Based and Consequence Based reasoning
- Lap-top cart
- PowerPoint software and presentations used in lesson delivery
- Smart T.V.
- E-Learning Platform (Google Classroom)
- Video/Audio equipment for recording and reviewing courtroom presentations
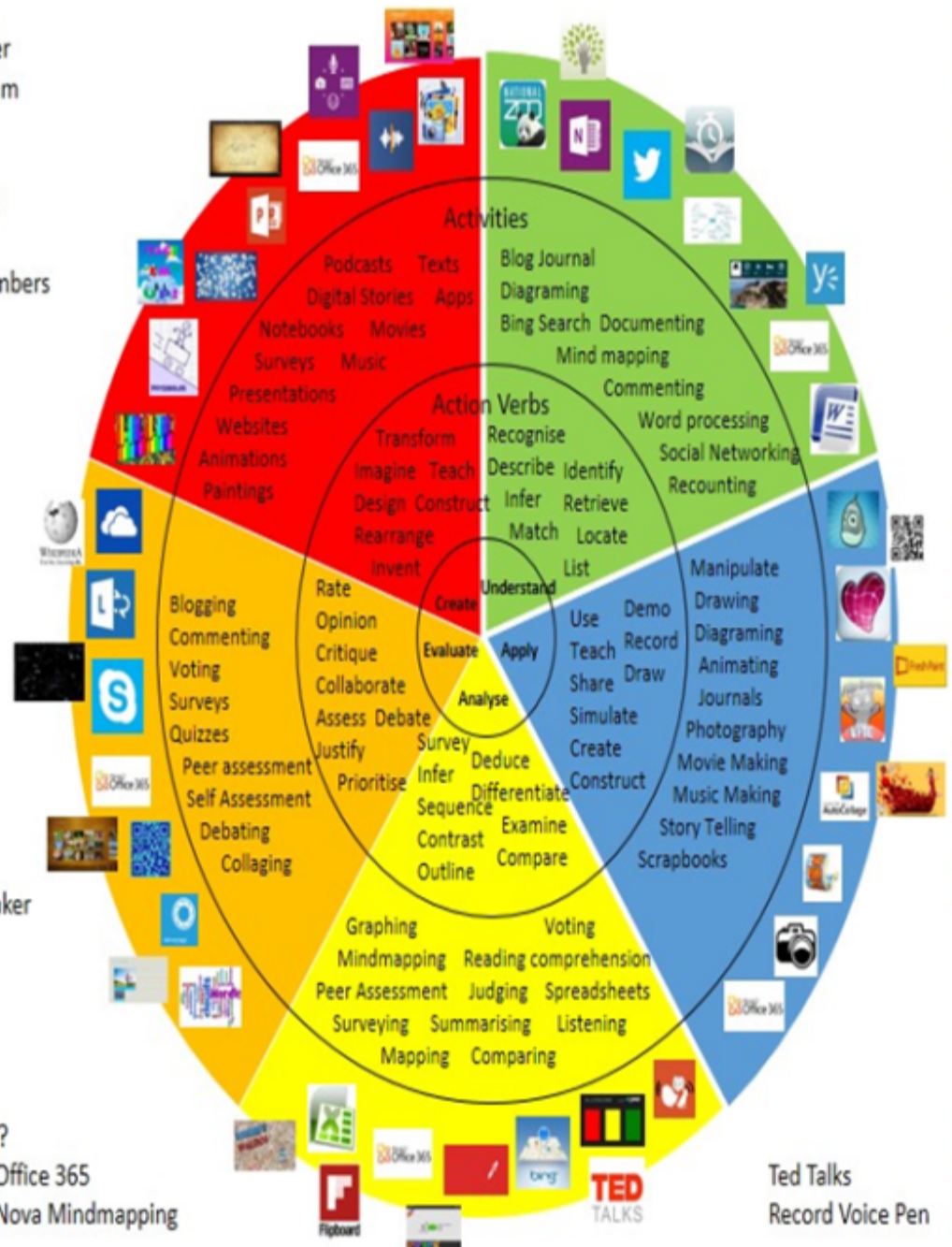
Win 8.1 Apps/Tools Pedagogy Wheel

Podcasts
Photostory 3
Kid Story Builder
Music Maker Jam
Paint A Story
Office 365
MS PowerPoint
Stack 'Em Up
NqSquared Numbers
Physamajig
Xylophone 8

Wikipedia
Skydrive
Lync
SkyMap
Skype
Office 365
Puzzle Touch
Easy QR
Memorylage
Life Moments
Word Cloud Maker

Where's Waldo?
MS Excel   Office 365
Flipboard   Nova Mindmapping

Ted Talks
Record Voice Pen

Activities

Podcasts   Texts
Digital Stories   Apps
Notebooks   Movies
Surveys   Music
Presentations
Websites
Animations
Paintings

Blog Journal
Diagraming
Bing Search Documenting
Mind mapping
Commenting
Word processing
Social Networking
Recounting

Action Verbs

Transform   Recognise
Imagine Teach   Describe Identify
Design Construct   Infer   Retrieve
Rearrange   Match   Locate
Invent   List

Rate   Understand
Opinion   Create
Critique   Evaluate   Apply
Collaborate   Analyse
Assess Debate
Justify   Survey   Deduce
Prioritise   Infer   Differentiate
Sequence   Examine
Contrast   Compare
Outline

Blogging
Commenting
Voting
Surveys
Quizzes
Peer assessment
Self Assessment
Debating
Collaging

Manipulate
Use   Demo   Drawing
Teach   Record   Diagraming
Share   Draw   Animating
Simulate   Journals
Create   Photography
Construct   Movie Making
Music Making
Story Telling
Scrapbooks

Graphing   Voting
Mindmapping   Reading comprehension
Peer Assessment   Judging   Spreadsheets
Surveying   Summarising   Listening
Mapping   Comparing

Alignment to 21st Century Skills & Technology

Mastery and infusion of **21st Century Skills & Technology** and their Alignment to the core content areas is essential to student learning. The core content areas include:

- English Language Arts;
- Mathematics;
- Science and Scientific Inquiry (Next Generation);
- Social Studies, including American History, World History, Geography, Government and Civics, and Economics;
- World languages;
- Technology;
- Visual and Performing Arts.

CRP.K-12.CRP1	Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee.
CRP.K-12.CRP2	Apply appropriate academic and technical skills.
CRP.K-12.CRP4	Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason.
CRP.K-12.CRP5	Consider the environmental, social and economic impacts of decisions.
CRP.K-12.CRP6	Demonstrate creativity and innovation.
CRP.K-12.CRP7	Employ valid and reliable research strategies.
CRP.K-12.CRP8	Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
CRP.K-12.CRP11	Use technology to enhance productivity.
CAEP.9.2.12.C.2	Modify Personalized Student Learning Plans to support declared career goals.
TECH.8.1.12	Educational Technology: All students will use digital tools to access, manage, evaluate, and synthesize information in order to solve problems individually and collaborate and to create and communicate knowledge.
TECH.8.1.12.A	Technology Operations and Concepts: Students demonstrate a sound understanding of technology concepts, systems and operations.
TECH.8.1.12.A.CS1	Understand and use technology systems.
TECH.8.1.12.A.CS2	Select and use applications effectively and productively.
TECH.8.1.12.B.CS2	Create original works as a means of personal or group expression.

21st Century Skills/Interdisciplinary Themes

- Communication and Collaboration
- Creativity and Innovation
- Critical thinking and Problem Solving

- ICT (Information, Communications and Technology) Literacy
- Information Literacy
- Life and Career Skills
- Media Literacy

21st Century Skills

- Civic Literacy
- Environmental Literacy
- Financial, Economic, Business and Entrepreneurial Literacy
- Global Awareness
- Health Literacy

Differentiation

- Students will be given additional time for completion of assignments or assessments
- Cooperative grouping to enhance and elevate student productivity during legal research projects such as mock trials
- Use of visual and auditory presentations to introduce and support lesson delivery

Differentiations:

- Small group instruction
- Small group assignments
- Extra time to complete assignments
- Pairing oral instruction with visuals
- Repeat directions
- Use manipulatives
- Center-based instruction
- Token economy
- Study guides
- Teacher reads assessments allowed
- Scheduled breaks
- Rephrase written directions
- Multisensory approaches
- Additional time
- Preview vocabulary
- Preview content & concepts
- Story guides
- Behavior management plan
- Highlight text
- Student(s) work with assigned partner
- Visual presentation
- Assistive technology

- Auditory presentations
- Large print edition
- Dictation to scribe
- Small group setting

Hi-Prep Differentiations:

- Alternative formative and summative assessments
- Choice boards
- Games and tournaments
- Group investigations
- Guided Reading
- Independent research and projects
- Interest groups
- Learning contracts
- Leveled rubrics
- Literature circles
- Multiple intelligence options
- Multiple texts
- Personal agendas
- Project-based learning
- Problem-based learning
- Stations/centers
- Think-Tac-Toes
- Tiered activities/assignments
- Tiered products
- Varying organizers for instructions

Lo-Prep Differentiations

- Choice of books or activities
- Cubing activities
- Exploration by interest
- Flexible grouping
- Goal setting with students
- Jigsaw
- Mini workshops to re-teach or extend skills
- Open-ended activities
- Think-Pair-Share
- Reading buddies
- Varied journal prompts
- Varied supplemental materials

Special Education Learning (IEP's & 504's)

- Students will work in co-operative groups to prepare Unit outline
- Students will use Unit outline to complete Unit assignments and assessments
- Students will work with a peer group to identify and resolve an ethical problem using Rule Based Reasoning or Consequence Based Reasoning

- printed copy of board work/notes provided
- additional time for skill mastery
- assistive technology
- behavior management plan
- Center-Based Instruction
- check work frequently for understanding
- computer or electronic device utilizes
- extended time on tests/ quizzes
- have student repeat directions to check for understanding
- highlighted text visual presentation
- modified assignment format
- modified test content
- modified test format
- modified test length
- multi-sensory presentation
- multiple test sessions
- preferential seating
- preview of content, concepts, and vocabulary
- Provide modifications as dictated in the student's IEP/504 plan
- reduced/shortened reading assignments
- Reduced/shortened written assignments
- secure attention before giving instruction/directions
- shortened assignments
- student working with an assigned partner
- teacher initiated weekly assignment sheet
- Use open book, study guides, test prototypes

English Language Learning (ELL)

- Students will work with a peer tutor on Unit assignments and assessments
- Students and teacher will use translation apps to enable students to focus on selected objectives such as legal vocabulary

- teaching key aspects of a topic. Eliminate nonessential information

- using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarif

- allowing products (projects, timelines, demonstrations, models, drawings, dioramas, poster boards, charts, graphs, slide shows, videos, etc.) to demonstrate student's learning;

- allowing students to correct errors (looking for understanding)

- allowing the use of note cards or open-book during testing

- decreasing the amount of workpresented or required

- having peers take notes or providing a copy of the teacher's notes

- modifying tests to reflect selected objectives

- providing study guides

- reducing or omitting lengthy outside reading assignments

- reducing the number of answer choices on a multiple choice test

- tutoring by peers

- using computer word processing spell check and grammar check features

- using true/false, matching, or fill in the blank tests in lieu of essay tests

At Risk

- Students will be provided with Unit PowerPoint study guide
- Students will be allowed to use study guide/outline on Unit assessments
- Alternate assessments will be used such as Reaction Papers focusing on current events

- allowing students to correct errors (looking for understanding)

- teaching key aspects of a topic. Eliminate nonessential information

- allowing products (projects, timelines, demonstrations, models, drawings, dioramas, poster boards, charts, graphs, slide shows, videos, etc.) to demonstrate student's learning

- allowing students to select from given choices

- allowing the use of note cards or open-book during testing

- collaborating (general education teacher and specialist) to modify vocabulary, omit or modify items to reflect objectives for the student, eliminate sections of the test, and determine how the grade will be determined prior to giving the test.

- decreasing the amount of workpresented or required

- having peers take notes or providing a copy of the teacher's notes

- marking students' correct and acceptable work, not the mistakes

- modifying tests to reflect selected objectives

- providing study guides

- reducing or omitting lengthy outside reading assignments

- reducing the number of answer choices on a multiple choice test

- tutoring by peers

- using authentic assessments with real-life problem-solving

- using true/false, matching, or fill in the blank tests in lieu of essay tests

- using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarify

Talented and Gifted Learning (T&G)

- Students will debate ethical issues in a competitive court hearing presenting arguments to student jurors
- Students will identify current ethical dispute in the law and present issue and arguments on class web page for other students to review and critique
- Students will identify a current ethical legal issue and present the issue and arguments on class web page for other students to participate in a threaded discussion

- Above grade level placement option for qualified students

- Advanced problem-solving

- Allow students to work at a faster pace

- Cluster grouping

- Complete activities aligned with above grade level text using Benchmark results

- Create a blog or social media page about their unit

- Create a plan to solve an issue presented in the class or in a text

- Debate issues with research to support arguments

- Flexible skill grouping within a class or across grade level for rigor

- Higher order, critical & creative thinking skills, and discovery

- Multi-disciplinary unit and/or project

- Teacher-selected instructional strategies that are focused to provide challenge, engagement, and growth opportunities

- Utilize exploratory connections to higher-grade concepts

- Utilize project-based learning for greater depth of knowledge

Sample Lesson

Unit Name:
Ethics & The Law

NJSLS:
See Link Below

Interdisciplinary Connection:
Critical Thinking

Problem Solving

Reading- Informative text/vocabulary

Writing-analysis/evaluation

Statement of Objective:
SWDAT define and describe ethics by completing Ch. 2 Hot Debate questions and engage in class debate about ethical behavior. Students will complete the Ch. 2 Hot Debate with 90% accuracy.

Anticipatory Set/Do Now:
Read Ch. 2 Hot Debate

Learning Activity:
T/O class discussion/PPT; Complete Ch. 2 Hot Debate Questions.

Student Assessment/CFU's:
See Link Below

Materials:
Textbook
Internet
PowerPoint
Lap-Tops

21st Century Themes and Skills:
See Link Below

Differentiation:
See Link Below

Integration of Technology:
PowerPoint
Internet
Class Webpage