Academic Development / Personal Growth

Content Area: **Template**
Course(s):
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Unit Overview

Students will focus on academic development to ensure effective learning. Students will understand the relationship of academics with work habits and how they impact the quality of their work. The focus will be to identify positive work habits and attitudes necessary for success at school, home, and in the community.

Enduring Understandings

Academic preparation is necessary for successful future endeavors.
Students should strive for the best to prepare for postsecondary options including college as well as the work force.
Both school and work force require strategies to achieve future career goals with success.

Essential Questions

Why is school important?
Why should I do my best?
What is the connection between school and a job?

Learning Objectives

Acquire the attitudes, knowledge, and skills that contribute to effective learning in school
Complete school with academic preparation essential to future goals
Understand the relationship of academics to work, home, and the community
Recognize their own abilities
Develop a positive, realistic self-concept of oneself
Identify factors that influence decisions
Make positive choices which lead to successful experiences
Build and develop a strong sense of confidence
Apply strategies to achieve goals

Standards: Content

Self-management skills impact an individual's ability to recognize, cope, and express

	emotions about difficult events.
	Many factors influence how we think about ourselves and others.
2.1.5.EH.1	Discuss the impact of one's feelings and thoughts that lead to healthy and unhealthy behaviors.
2.1.2.EH.2	Identify what it means to be responsible and list personal responsibilities.
	Self-management skills impact an individual's ability to cope with different types of mental, psychological, and emotional situations.
	Resiliency and coping practices influence an individual's ability to respond positively to everyday challenges and difficult situations.
2.1.2.EH.3	Demonstrate self-control in a variety of settings (e.g., classrooms, playgrounds, special programs).
2.1.8.EH.1	Compare and contrast stress management strategies that are used to address various types of stress-induced situations (e.g., academics, family, personal relationships, finances, celebrations, violence).
2.1.8.EH.2	Analyze how personal attributes, resiliency, and protective factors support mental and emotional health.
2.1.5.EH.4	Identify behaviors that help to deal with difficult situations that can occur at home, in school, and/or in the community and where to go for assistance.
	Relationships are influenced by a wide variety of factors, individuals, and behaviors.
2.1.8.SSH.3	Demonstrate communication skills that will support healthy relationships.
2.1.8.SSH.4	Compare and contrast the characteristics of healthy and unhealthy relationships.
	People have relationships with others in the local community and beyond.
	People in healthy relationships share thoughts and feelings, as well as mutual respect.
2.1.2.SSH.5	Identify basic social needs of all people.
2.1.5.SSH.6	Describe the characteristics of healthy versus unhealthy relationships among friends and with family members.
2.1.5.SSH.7	Define teasing, harassment and bullying and provide examples of inappropriate behaviors that are harmful to others.
	Conflicts between people occur, and there are effective ways to resolve them.
2.1.2.SSH.9	Define bullying and teasing and explain why they are wrong and harmful.
	Individuals will benefit from an awareness of coping strategies that can be used when facing difficult situations.
2.1.5.CHSS.3	Describe strategies that are useful for individuals who are feeling sadness, anger, anxiety, or stress.

Standards: Interdisciplinary

1	Developing Responsibility for Learning: Cultivating independence, self-reflection, and responsibility for one's own learning.
L.SS.7.1	Demonstrate command of the system and structure of the English language when writing or speaking.
L.SS.6.1	Demonstrate command of the system and structure of the English language when writing or speaking.
L.SS.8.1	Demonstrate command of the system and structure of the English language when writing

	or speaking.
2	Adapting Communication: Adapting communication in response to the varying demands of audience, task, purpose, and discipline.
3	Valuing Evidence in Argumentation: Constructing viable claims and evaluating, defending, challenging, and qualifying the arguments of others.
9.2.8.CAP.1	Identify offerings such as high school and county career and technical school courses, apprenticeships, military programs, and dual enrollment courses that support career or occupational areas of interest.
L.RF.K.1	Demonstrate understanding of the organization and basic features of print.
4	Building Knowledge: Building strong content knowledge and connecting ideas across disciplines using a variety of text resources and media.
L.RF.1.1	Demonstrate mastery of the organization and basic features of print (including those listed under L.RF.K.1); recognize and understand the distinguishing features of a sentence (e.g., first word, capitalization, ending punctuation).
5	Leveraging Technology: Employing technology and digital media thoughtfully, strategically and capably to enhance reading, writing, speaking, listening, and language use.
L.RF.K.1.A	Follow words from left to right, top to bottom, and page by page.
6	Understanding Self and Others: Using literacy as a vehicle to affirm all the aspects of one's own identity, as well as understand, connect to and respect other perspectives and cultures.
L.WF.5.2	Demonstrate command of the conventions of writing, including those listed under grade four foundational skills.
L.RF.2.4	Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.
L.RF.2.4.A	Read grade-level text with purpose and understanding.
L.RF.2.4.B	Read grade-level text orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression.
L.WF.4.3	Demonstrate command of the conventions of writing, including those listed under grade three foundational skills:
L.WF.4.3.A	Use basic paragraphing, including using paragraph indentations and using paragraphs in dialogue.
RI.CR.7.1	Cite several pieces of textual evidence and make relevant connections to support analysis of what an informational text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
RI.CR.6.1	Cite textual evidence and make relevant connections to support analysis of what an informational text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
RI.CR.8.1	Cite a range of textual evidence and make clear and relevant connections (including informational text features such as charts, graphs, and diagrams) that strongly support an analysis of multiple aspects of what an informational text says explicitly, as well as inferences drawn from the text.
L.WF.3.3	Demonstrate command of the conventions of writing including those listed under grade two foundational skills.
L.VL.4.2	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning academic and domain-specific words and phrases based on grade 4 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
9.4.5.IML.1	Evaluate digital sources for accuracy, perspective, credibility and relevance (e.g., Social Studies Practice - Gathering and Evaluating Sources).
RL.CI.5.2	Determine the theme of a literary text (e.g., stories, plays or poetry) and explain how it is supported by key details; summarize the text.
RI.CI.5.2	Determine the central idea of an informational text and explain how it is supported by key

	details; summarize the text.
L.KL.3.1.A	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate conversational, general academic, and domain-specific words and phrases.
W.AW.7.1	Write arguments on discipline-specific content (e.g., social studies, science, technical subjects, English/Language Arts) to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
W.AW.8.1	Write arguments on discipline-specific content (e.g., social studies, science, technical subjects, English/Language Arts) to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
W.AW.6.1	Write arguments on discipline-specific content (e.g., social studies, science, math, technical subjects, English/Language Arts) to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
9.4.5.IML.7	Evaluate the degree to which information meets a need including social emotional learning, academic, and social (e.g., 2.2.5. PF.5).
RL.CR.4.1	Refer to details and examples as textual evidence when explaining what a literary text says explicitly and make relevant connections when drawing inferences from the text.
RI.CR.4.1	Refer to details and examples as textual evidence when explaining what an informational text says explicitly and make relevant connections when drawing inferences from the text.
L.WF.2.3	Demonstrate command and use of the conventions of writing including those listed under grade one foundational skills.
RL.CR.3.1	Ask and answer questions and make relevant connections to demonstrate understanding of a literary text, referring explicitly to textual evidence as the basis for the answers.
RI.CR.3.1	Ask and answer questions and make relevant connections to demonstrate understanding of an informational text, referring explicitly to textual evidence as the basis for the answers.
W.AW.5.1.C	Link opinion and reasons using words, phrases, and clauses (e.g., consequently, specifically).
8.2.8.ITH.1	Explain how the development and use of technology influences economic, political, social, and cultural issues.
SL.PE.7.1	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
SL.PE.8.1	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
SL.PE.6.1	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
RL.CR.2.1	Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of key details in a literary text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.
W.AW.3.1	Write opinion texts to present an idea with reasons and information.
RI.CR.2.1	Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of key details in an informational text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.
W.AW.3.1.A	Introduce an opinion clearly.
RL.CR.K.1	With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about key details in a literary text (e.g., who, what, where, when, why, how).
RI.CR.K.1	With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about key details in an informational text (e.g., who, what, where, when, why, how).

SL.PE.5.1	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 5 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
SL.PE.5.1.A	Explicitly draw on previously read text or material and other information known about the topic to explore ideas under discussion.
SL.PE.4.1	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 4 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
W.AW.K.1	Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to compose opinion pieces on topics or texts (e.g., My favorite book is...).
W.IW.K.2	Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to compose informative/explanatory texts to convey ideas.
SL.PE.3.1	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher led) with diverse partners on grade 3 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
SL.PE.K.1	Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about kindergarten topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups.
SL.PE.K.1.A	Follow agreed-upon norms for discussions (e.g., listening to others with care and taking turns speaking about the topics and texts under discussion).
SL.PE.K.1.B	Continue a conversation through multiple exchanges.
SL.PE.2.1	Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about grade 2 topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups.

Assessment Evidence

Formative	Peer interaction, Teacher/Counselor Observation, BrainPOP, Kahoot
Summative	Student participation, Teacher generated assessments
Alternative & Benchmark	Alternative - Read to the student and chart oral responses, graphic organizers, observations, portfolios of student work, orally administered assessments, Project based-learning. Benchmark – LinkIt Benchmark Assessment, Teacher generated summative assessments
Assessment Evidence Resource	

Instructional Resources

Progress Reports, www.careercruising.com, www.teachervision.com, www.savyschoolcounselor.com, www.charactercounts.org, www.brainpopjr.com, www.goodcharacter.com, www.charactered.net, www.njsbf.org, www.kellybear.com, www.themiddlecounselor.wordpress.com, www.savyschoolcounselor.com, www.charactercounts.org, www.helpfulcounselor.com, www.elementaryschoolcounselorexchange.com, www.teacherspayteachers.com,, www.learn360.com, www.kidshealth.org, www.joshgunderson.com, www.YoJo.com, www. Youtube.com, Instructional Resource

List

Curricular Mandates

Below are the curricular requirements as defined in NJ Administrative Code and Statute

	Amistad		Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
	Holocaust		LGBT and Disabilities (Grades 6-12)
	Climate Change		Asian American & Pacific Islander

Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Competencies

NJ Social and Emotional Learning Competencies & Sub-Competencies

X	Self-Awareness	X	Relationship Skills
X	Responsible Decision-Making	X	Social Awareness
X	Self-Management		

21st Century Skills & Themes

X	Global and Cultural Awareness		Technology Literacy		Planning and Budgeting
X	Creativity and Innovation		Financial Institutions		Risk Management and Insurance
	Information and Media Literacy		Digital Citizenship		Economic and Government Influences
	Critical Thinking and Problem Solving		Credit Profile		Career Awareness and Planning
	Civic Financial Responsibility		Financial Psychology		