

Curriculum Map Summary
Course: Freshman Success

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Freshman Success is a support class which is provided to all ninth graders in order to help them transition from their middle and junior high schools to the high school setting. This class will teach incoming students at Mt. Edgecumbe High School how to organize their materials and manage their homework. Freshman Success will also provide a setting for students to track their grades, practice self-reflection, communicate and get to know the rest of the freshman class.

Key Learning Objectives:

Students Will:
Actively set goals and monitor progress
Learn and practice organizational strategies
Practice self-reflection
Learn and practice metacognitive learning skills
Practice learning strategies
Identify personal ways to communicate and seek help for personal success

Key Learning Strategy

Use of planner
Use of binder system
Growth mindset based goal setting- use of Ladder Action Planning
Comprehension Model for expressive and receptive tasks
Communication and conflict resolution

Unit	Major Activities	Target Goal
Welcome week1	Sock Toss, Stress Bell Curve, Station Rotations with Interviews (Interviews will begin on day one and continue through day 2. We will need two other welcome activities for the other stations).	Get familiar with each other Begin buy-in on organization and learning

Cultural Values Presentations	Students will prepare and present one cultural value. They may choose from the list of indigenous values, or from a self-selected value. Two weeks will be spent teaching the meaning of culture.	Each class will begin with one student sharing their cultural values presentation.
Getting Organized- Planner and Binder	Do Score Card Making binders, labeling, setting up paper station, planners	Learn to use planner effectively Have organized binder Have organized 'home' station
Digital Organization	Write a letter to your future self: students will practice using Google files and files and finally practice writing a letter	Have a system for organizing work in their google drive
How to access and monitor grades	Download PowerSchool App on smartphones, hand-out username and passwords- get everyone on.	Have PowerSchool app on the phone Have access to their account using username and password Communicate with parents about their access to grades online
Who am I as a learner? Growth Mindset	Guest presenter- Janelle! How are you Smart? preferences	
Setting Priorities and	Rock Activity	Understand that setting priorities must be a purposeful act Understand that our actions speak to what we have prioritized
Goal Setting MAP Testing	Use MAP data and personal goals to access SMART goals. "A goal without a plan is just a dream." Share MAP score Set goal for winter score	SMART goals Understand the MAP score Set a goal for MAP score Understand the connection between what I do in class and advancing my map score
Independent reading	Library outing	How to choose a book based on interest
Successful student habits and study habits	Lesson by Mr. Gurule High- gear learning vs. low-gear	Top habits of successful students, test and study

	learning, study strategy video and note guide	strategies for success.
Self-help How can I recognize when I need help and advocate for myself?	Five steps of being able to advocate for one's self: Self-help: positive self talk; Search out help: check resources; Ask a peer: how do we get help from our peers; Ask an adult: how do we get help from an adult; Network: who are the support people that can help when the problem is big?	Intro to support services available
Second semester		
Welcome back	Ice breaker activities: school song, cheers led by senior students, class competition	Community building amongst the freshman class
4-year graduation planning with college and career guide	Resumes, interviews, professional e-mails, and career guidance	Introduction to having a plan and learning professional skills
Public Speaking	Students will choose one topic of interest and one student will present each day throughout the semester.	Speaking and presentations skills
Communication	Your personality and your communication style, verbal and non-verbal communication, active listening for learning, conflict resolution	Interpersonal communication skills, verbal and nonverbal communication, and active listening in an academic setting
Course Planning and Peaks Preparation	The tech department will prepare the students computers for the statewide exam while the students also do the practice writing exam. The counseling department will come in to register students for their fall classes.	Peaks practice test. Students will be registered for their upcoming classes
Digital Literacy	Dos and Donts of social media, Cyberbullying,	Social media awareness lesson, Cyberbullying article and break out scenarios,

Planner/Binder check co-current		
Binder clean out co-current		
Ninth grade community building activities	Monthly ice breakers in the gym	
Rule review		

Key Assessment Information:

Alternating binder and planner checks are the primary form of assessment in Freshman Success. In addition, students complete grade tracking on a weekly basis as a way to monitor progress and manage missing assignments.

Supplementary Material Summary List: