

25 SESSIONS **9th Grade** Scope & Sequence

Belonging:

How can we create a place where everyone feels like they belong?

Abstract: The 9th Grade 25-Session Scope and Sequence offers extensive coverage of the main ingredients comprising CharacterStrong's curriculum. These ingredients support 3 essential outcomes: well-being, belonging, and engagement. Considering that 9th grade is often a transitional year with students moving to new schools, we place special emphasis on creating a sense of belonging. Our essential question is: *How do we create a school where everyone feels like they want to be here (instead of feeling like they have to be here)?* **Below, you will find how the 5 ingredients featured in the 9th Grade 25-Session Scope and Sequence are covered, followed by the complete sequential scope and sequence.**

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- S16: Connecting Values & Friendship
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Emotion Understanding & Regulation

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Empathy & Compassion

- S11: Introducing Perspective-Taking
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- S13: Helpful Helping
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Goals & Habits

- S8: To Be Lists, Pt 3
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- S18: Staying True to You
- S24: Developing Future Plans

Leadership & Teamwork

None

NOTE: Access project-based learning sessions in the Group Projects section of the Campus Resources menu

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S1: Welcome

Welcome to Session 1! This session helps set the stage for the "What", the "How", and the "Why" for this year. It helps create clarity for both the educator and students which sets the program up for success.

S2: Building Connections

This is the 1st of 2 sessions about building community. Connecting with peers and building friendships and relationships are important for our sense of belonging and can lay a good foundation for creating a sense of safety and community in our classroom.

S3: Building Community

This is the 2nd of 2 sessions about building community through connecting with peers and beginning to build friendships and relationships that are important for our sense of belonging and can lay a good foundation for creating a sense of safety and community in the classroom.

S4: Community Agreements

This session is designed to develop Community Agreements. This process is meant to bring many voices forward to make sure everyone has an opportunity to reflect on and discuss how we want to treat each other. These agreements are designed to help the class to become a safe place where people can be genuine without fear of mistreatment. The agreements are designed to serve as guidelines we can refer to throughout the year.

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S5: To Be Lists, pt 1

This is the 1st of 3 sessions related to values. Thinking about and identifying our personal values can help us make better decisions and guide our actions towards positive directions. During this session, we will explore the difference between our To-Do List and our 'To Be' List. Importantly, we will introduce the 'To Be Challenge,' which provides a way to put our values into action. Each grade level will receive the same challenge corresponding to this week's session, enabling schools to easily communicate and highlight the challenge, resulting in the greatest positive impact on the school community. Starting from this session, all subsequent sessions will include the To Be Challenge process. Remember, these challenges are invitations, not demands! The power lies within the conversation.

S6: To Be Lists, pt 2

This is the 2nd of 3 sessions exploring values. In this session we will think about various personal values we might hold and how hard or easy they are to put into action. Students will identify three words that will become their To Be List Goal. In this session it is the first time that we will experience the full To Be Challenge process: 1st, reflect on the previous To Be Challenge, and 2nd, introduce the new challenge (both parts include some discussion). Remember: To Be Challenges are invitations, not demands! The power is in the conversation.

S7: To Be Lists, pt 3

This is the 3rd of 3 sessions related to clarifying our personal values. This session brings the 3 sessions together with a focus on each of us developing a clear set of 3 values that we will work to put into practice.

S8: Worries & Wonders: Belonging

This Session utilizes videos that bring student voices forward with the goal of helping quell worries our students might have at the beginning of high school. This session focuses on Belonging.



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S9: Worries & Wonders: Tests

This utilizes videos that bring student voices forward with the goal of helping quell worries our students might have about taking tests at the beginning of high school. This session is focused on taking tests.

S10: Stress & Coping

This session is focused on stress. High school students often report stress as one of their main challenges. In this session, we learn some basic ways to think about, approach and manage stress.

S11: Introducing Perspective-Taking

This is the 1st of 2 sessions on perspective-taking. This session introduces the topic of perspective-taking, which is important for building relationships, resolving conflicts, and putting empathy into action. A perspective-taking challenge we explore in this session is understanding the experience of people whose lives and backgrounds may differ from our own.

S12: Practicing Perspective-Taking

This is the 2nd of 2 sessions on perspective-taking. In this session, we explore our own and others' opinions to broaden our understanding of ways we are both alike and different.

S13: Helpful Helping

This is the 1st of 3 sessions focused on social support. A powerful way we can all cope with challenges in life is by getting support from others. However, social support can backfire if we only focus on the person's problems and difficult emotions. In this session, we reflect on and learn about ways to ensure that the support we provide to others is truly helpful.

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S14: Helpful Supports

This is the 2nd of 3 sessions focused on social support. A powerful way we can all cope with challenges in life is by getting support from others. In this session, we focus on ways to ask others for, and overcome barriers to seeking, social support.

S15: Social Belonging

This is the 3rd of 3 sessions focused on social support. A powerful way we can all cope with challenges in life is by getting support from others. We are often better at giving advice to others than to ourselves. In this session, we harness that through identifying things we could use support for at different times in our lives and giving good advice and support to ourselves.

S16: Connecting Values & Friendship

This is the 1st of 3 sessions on values. In this session, we explore our values by reflecting on influential people in our lives and the values they demonstrate.

S17: Giving Support to Friends

This is the 2nd of 3 sessions on values. In this session, we work to combine our personal values with what we have learned about social support to think further about ways we can support each other.

S18: Staying True to You

This is the 3rd of 3 sessions on values. In this session, we reflect on ways we may often fail to put our values into action to help us identify ways to focus on living our values more strongly.

S19: Self-Awareness

In this session, we will learn about and practice self-awareness by reflecting on how we are living our To Be List Goal we created in session 7. Note: If students do not remember their To Be List Goal, they will be asked to choose a value that is meaningful/important to them.

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S20: Deep Kindness, pt 1

This is the 1st of 2 sessions related to kindness. In this session, we spend time distinguishing words that are often confused for one another like sympathy and empathy or niceness and kindness.

S21: Deep Kindness, pt 2

This is the 2nd of 2 sessions related to kindness. This session focuses on the power of specificity when it comes to showing care and provides an opportunity for students to design a unique and powerful act of kindness.

S22: Honesty in Relationships, pt 1

This is the 1st of 2 sessions related to honesty. This session introduces the trait of honesty, what it means, and how talking about honesty can help us develop our own unique connection to truthfulness. This, in turn, can allow us to put honesty into action more consistently.

S23: Honesty in Relationships, pt 2

This is the 2nd of 2 sessions related to honesty, where we will look at the impact of honesty in building trusting relationships. During this session, we will also share ways we can practice honesty more consistently in our lives.

S24: Developing Future Plans

This is a review session where we utilize reflecting on our pasts to help us form goals for our futures. We will look back at our To Be list words students have focused on this year and identify one area they want to narrow their focus on as they prepare for the end of the year and next year.

S25: Reflections

This is a review session focused on thinking back and reflecting on things we've learned and ways we've grown this year. This reflection process is important for students to cement the learning we have done this year through a process called a Sankofa Session. During this process, students will identify what was most valuable, what they used or benefitted from, and what they'll keep trying to use.

25 SESSIONS **10th Grade** Scope & Sequence

Well-being:

How can we create a place where everyone feels like they belong?

Abstract: The 10th Grade 25-Session Scope and Sequence offers extensive coverage of the main ingredients comprising CharacterStrong's curriculum. These ingredients support 3 essential outcomes: well-being, belonging, and engagement. In 10th grade, we place special emphasis on well-being. Our essential question is: *How can I cultivate well-being in my life and the lives of others?* **Below, you will find how the 5 ingredients featured in the 10th Grade 25-Session Scope and Sequence are covered, followed by the complete sequential scope and sequence.**

Foundation - Setting the Stage

- S1: Welcome
- S2: Building Connections
- S3: Building Community
- S4: Community Agreements
- S5: To Be Lists

Values & Purpose

- S8: Values & Well-Being
- S13: Staying True to Your Values
- S24: Value Reflections

Emotion Understanding & Regulation

- S6: Mental Health Foundations, pt 1
- S7: Mental Health Foundations, pt 2
- S12: Society & Well-Being
- S14: Stress & Coping, pt 1
- S15: Stress & Coping, pt 2
- S23: Reflecting on Well-Being

Empathy & Compassion

- S17: Practicing Forgiveness, pt 1
- S18: Practicing Forgiveness, pt 2
- S19: Building Empathy, pt 1
- S20: Building Empathy, pt 2

Goals & Habits

- S9: To Be Goal, pt 1
- S10: To Be Goal, pt 2
- S11: To Be Goal, pt 3
- S16: Growth Mindset
- S21: Creating Well-Being Habits, pt 1
- S22: Creating Well-Being Habits, pt 2

Leadership & Teamwork

None

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Well-being:

How can I cultivate well-being in my life and the lives of others?

S1: Welcome

Welcome to Session 1! This session helps set the stage for the "What", the "How", and the "Why" for this year. It helps create clarity for both the educator and students which sets the program up for success.

S2: Building Connections

This is the 1st of 2 sessions about building community. The goal is to begin to develop relationships and start creating a sense of safety and community in our classroom.

S3: Building Community

This is the 2nd of 2 sessions about community building. It is focused on getting to know each other better by finding things we have in common. In the virtual version, there is an interactive scavenger hunt.

S4: Community Agreements

This session is designed to develop Community Agreements. This process is meant to bring many voices forward to make sure everyone has an opportunity to reflect on and discuss how we want to treat each other. These agreements are designed to help the class to become a safe place where people can be genuine without fear of mistreatment. The agreements are designed to serve as guidelines we can refer to throughout the year.

S5: To Be Lists

This session introduces the importance of identifying our values through the concept of a 'To Be' List, which differs from a typical to-do list. Additionally, this session presents the 'To Be Challenge,' which provides a way to put our values into action. Each grade level will receive the same challenge corresponding to this week's session, enabling schools to easily communicate and highlight the challenge, resulting in a greater positive impact on the school community. From here on out, all sessions will include the To Be Challenge process. Remember, these challenges are invitations, not demands! The power lies within the conversation.

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Well-being:

How can I cultivate well-being in my life and the lives of others?

S6: Mental Health Foundations, pt 1

This is the 1st of 2 sessions about mental health and well-being. An important message of these sessions is that good mental health is more than the absence of mental illness. Well-being is possible even when struggling with mental health challenges. Working to boost our own and others' well-being improves our lives even in the midst of mental health struggles and makes us less likely to suffer mental illness in the future.

S7: Mental Health Foundations, pt 2

This is the 2nd of 2 sessions about mental health and well-being. Well-being is important even when we struggle with mental health challenges and increasing our well-being helps us thrive. In this session, we focus on understanding the different elements of well-being.

S8: Values & Well-Being

We learned earlier about the concept of a To Be List and we've learned about well-being. This session focuses on attaching the elements of well-being to different To Be words. As a reminder, the 3 elements of well-being are Mental, Social, and Emotional. Student feedback suggested we don't over-define these elements.

S9: To Be Goal, pt 1

This is the 1st of 3 sessions related to "To Be List" goals. During this session, our objective is to further explore our personal well-being ideas by identifying and discussing 1 personal value that each of us would like to prioritize throughout the year.

S10: To Be Goal, pt 2

This is the 2nd of 3 sessions related to "To Be List" goals. In this session, our focus remains on strengthening our well-being by identifying actionable steps we can take to improve how we demonstrate our chosen To Be (value) word from the previous session.

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S11: To Be Goal, pt 3

This is the 3rd of 3 sessions related to To Be List goals. In this culminating session, we will formally write our To Be goal that we have been building up to in the previous two sessions. This goal will serve as a focal point for us throughout the year. One effective approach to achieving goals is by cultivating goal-related habits. Therefore, for each identified To Be value word, we will not only articulate actions to practice it, but also identify potential barriers and create an 'And Then' plan to help us habit stack. Habit stacking is a proven strategy where one connects a desired habit to an existing habit, providing a reliable cue to engage in the new routine.

S12: Society & Well-Being

This session focuses on well-being by raising awareness of messages we get from social media and society that can get in the way of our well-being, and practicing ways to counter them.

S13: Staying True to Your Values

In this session we continue to focus on our well-being. The goal is to discuss solutions for how to handle common obstacles that are within our control which get in the way of our goals.

S14: Stress & Coping, pt 1

This is the 1st of 2 sessions on Stress Coping. The goal is to discuss what we can control versus what we cannot control during stressful times (and what it means to manage that stress).

S15: Stress & Coping, pt 2

This is the 2nd of 2 sessions on Stress Coping. The goal is to understand the difference between solving versus coping with stressors (and to discuss well-being practices that can help).

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S16: Growth Mindset

In this session, we will strengthen our growth mindset by practicing reframing what it means to fail. Then we will reflect on our own failures and brainstorm learning that can come from it.

S17: Practicing Forgiveness, pt 1

This is the 1st of 2 sessions focused on the trait of forgiveness. We will explore a video, quote, research insight about forgiveness then summarize what we learned.

S18: Practicing Forgiveness, pt 2

This is the 2nd of 2 sessions focused on forgiveness. We use word banks to increase our understanding of forgiveness and then put it into practice by writing a letter to ourselves, an event, or another person.

S19: Building Empathy, pt 1

This is the 1st of 2 sessions designed to practice empathy. We will take on new perspectives by responding to a series of prompts anonymously and then exercise empathy by asking meaningful questions and seeking to understand the reasons behind the responses.

S20: Building Empathy, pt 2

This is the 2nd of 2 sessions designed to practice empathy. By providing a series of situations where people could experience increased or decreased well-being, we will exercise perspective-taking by listening to different points of view.

S21: Creating Well-Being Habits, pt 1

This is the 1st of 2 sessions about forming habits. In this session, we reflect on To Be words we've worked on this year and come up with doable actions we can take to move us towards becoming more like those words.

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Well-being:

How can I cultivate well-being in my life and the lives of others?

S22: Creating Well-Being Habits, pt 2

This is the 2nd of 2 sessions about forming habits. In this session, we work on coming up with ways to help ourselves improve to be more like the To Be words we chose last session.

S23: Reflecting on Well-Being

This session focuses on thinking back and reflecting on things we've learned this year about mental health. This reflection process is important for us to cement the learning we have done this year.

S24: Value Reflections

This session focuses on thinking back and reflecting on things we've learned and ways we've grown this year. This reflection process is important for us to cement the learning they have done this year. During this session, we will review content related to values and habits. We will reflect on our To Be Goal for the year.

S25: Compliments & Celebrations

This is a review session focuses on thinking back and reflecting on things we've learned and ways we've grown this year. This reflection process is important for us to cement the learning they have done this year. During this process, we will identify what was most valuable, what we used or benefitted from, and what we'll keep trying to use.

25 SESSIONS **11th Grade** Scope & Sequence

Engagement:

How can we create a place where everyone feels like they belong?

Abstract: The 11th Grade 25-Session Scope and Sequence offers extensive coverage of the main ingredients comprising CharacterStrong's curriculum. These ingredients support 3 essential outcomes: well-being, belonging, and engagement. In 11th grade, we place special emphasis on engagement. Our essential question is: *What can I do to fully engage in my life now that prepares me for a meaningful life after high school?* **Below, you will find how the 5 ingredients featured in the 11th Grade 25-Session Scope and Sequence are covered, followed by the complete sequential scope and sequence.**

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- S2: Building Connections
- S3: Building Community
- S4: Community Agreements
- S5: To Be Lists, pt 1

Values & Purpose

- S6: To Be Lists, pt 2
- S17: Growing Patience, pt 1
- S18: Growing Patience, pt 2
- S23: Purposeful Happiness

Emotion Understanding & Regulation

- S7: Mental Health & Well-being, pt 1
- S8: Mental Health & Well-being, pt 2
- S19: Self-Awareness
- S22: The Power of Gratitude

Empathy & Compassion

- S13: Identifying Barriers to Belonging, pt 1
- S14: Identifying Barriers to Belonging, pt 2
- S15: Identifying Barriers to Belonging, pt 3
- S16: Identifying Barriers to Belonging, pt 4

Goals & Habits

- S20: Skill Development
- S21: Improving Habits

Leadership & Teamwork

- S9: Understanding Ourselves
- S10: Hearing Others' Stories
- S11: Connecting Through Story
- S12: Reflecting on Our Stories

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Engagement:

What can I do to fully engage in my life now that prepares me for a meaningful life after high school?

S1: Welcome

Welcome to Session 1! This session helps set the stage for the "What", the "How", and the "Why" for this year. It helps create clarity for both the educator and students which sets the program up for success.

S2: Building Connections

This is the 1st of 2 sessions about building community. The goal is to begin to develop relationships and start creating a sense of safety and community in our classroom.

S3: Building Community

This is the 2nd of 2 sessions in our community building series. It is focused on discussing, in groups, ways to make school more engaging. In the virtual version, there is an interactive scavenger hunt.

S4: Community Agreements

This session is designed to develop Community Agreements. This process is meant to bring many voices forward to make sure everyone has an opportunity to reflect on and discuss how we want to treat each other. These agreements are designed to help the class to become a safe place where people can be genuine without fear of mistreatment. The agreements are designed to serve as guidelines we can refer to throughout the year.

S5: To Be Lists, pt 1

This is the 1st of 2 sessions related to values. During this session, we will explore how our actions can reflect our values and begin a conversation about the difference between our To-Do List and our 'To Be' List. Additionally, this session will introduce the 'To Be Challenge,' which provides a way to put our values into action. Each grade level will receive the same challenge corresponding to this week's session, enabling schools to easily communicate and highlight the challenge, resulting in the greatest positive impact on the school community. From here on out, sessions will include the To Be Challenge process. Remember, these challenges are invitations, not demands! The power lies within the conversation.

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What can I do to fully engage in my life now that prepares me for a meaningful life after high school?

S6: To Be Lists, pt 2

This is the 2nd of 2 sessions focused on thinking about our values. In this session we share ideas with each other about how to put values into practice. It is the first time that we will experience the full To Be Challenge process: 1st, reflect on the previous To Be Challenge, and 2nd, introduce the new challenge (both parts include some discussion). Remember: To Be Challenges are invitations, not demands! The power is in the conversation.

S7: Mental Health & Well-being, pt 1

This is the 1st of 2 sessions about mental health and well-being. The goal of these sessions is to for us to learn about mental health, normalize talking about the topic, and gain a greater understanding that we can work to improve well-being for ourselves and others.

S8: Mental Health & Well-being, pt 2

This is the 2nd of 2 sessions about mental health and well-being. In this session, we examine common myths about happiness that can negatively impact our mental health. Discussing and critiquing these myths helps us manage during times we are unhappy and stay focused on ways to improve our well-being.

S9: Understanding Ourselves

This is the 1st of 4 sessions on Exploring & Sharing Stories that create a foundation for a block of sessions where we all work in teams to identify, analyze and create solutions for barriers to creating more belonging in our school. In this session, we begin this process by looking at ourselves and reflecting and sharing how we see ourselves and how others see us.

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S10: Hearing Others' Stories

This is the 2nd of 4 sessions on Exploring & Sharing Stories that create a foundation for a block of sessions where we all work in teams to identify, analyze and create solutions for barriers to creating more belonging in our school. In this session, we think about others and work to try to understand their stories.

S11: Connecting Through Story

This is the 3rd of 4 sessions on Exploring & Sharing Stories that create a foundation for a block of sessions where we all work in teams to identify, analyze and create solutions for barriers to creating more belonging in our school. In this session, we bridge exploring ourselves and others by sharing important things about ourselves with each other.

S12: Reflecting on Our Stories

This is the 4th of 4 sessions on Exploring & Sharing Stories that create a foundation for a block of sessions where we all work in teams to identify, analyze and create solutions for barriers to creating more belonging in our school. In this session, we take stock and reflect together on what we've learned over the last several sessions.

S13: Barriers to Belonging, pt 1

This is the 1st of 3 sessions on identifying Barriers to Belonging. The goal is to reflect on commonly heard advice about things that might help us increase our sense of belonging in high school and how well they do or don't apply to students.

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S14: Barriers to Belonging, pt 2

This is the 2nd of 3 sessions on identifying Barriers to Belonging. The goal is to begin identifying school-wide barriers to belonging. We will have the opportunity to share some meaningful and challenging feedback today. Try to remember the Community Agreements if there are feelings of frustration, taking something personally, or not understanding a different perspective.

S15: Barriers to Belonging, pt 3

This is the 3rd of 3 sessions on identifying Barriers to Belonging. The goal is to normalize asking for support by reflecting on other students' stories.

S16: Barriers to Belonging, pt 4

This is the 4th of 4 sessions about Barriers to Belonging. In this session, we transition from naming barriers to identifying how we can overcome them.

S17: Growing Patience, pt 1

This is the 1st of 2 sessions on patience. This session introduces the trait of patience, what it means, and how focusing on our values can help manage our impulses.

S18: Growing Patience, pt 2

This is the 2nd of 2 sessions on patience. In this session, students will discuss the belief-to-behavior connection that influences patience. Then they brainstorm beliefs that can inspire them to practice patience more in their day-to-day lives.

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Engagement:

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S19: Self Awareness

This session will introduce us to 'The 4 Big Lies' that can prevent us from being our best selves. During this session we will collaborate to brainstorm ways to disprove these lies, thereby increasing their self-awareness and authenticity.

S20: Skill Development

This is part 1 of a 2-part series on skill development. In this session, we make the connection that our 'value To-Be' words are much like skills that we can improve. We will look at a 4-stage model of skill development, and reflect on values that are important to us, working to connect them with the skill development progression.

S21: Improving Habits

In this session, we focus on a 4 stage model of skill development. We reflect on To Be words that are important to us and work to connect them with the skill development progression.

S22: The Power of Gratitude

In this session, we will be introduced to the concept of gratitude, including what it is and how it can improve our moods. Following this introduction, we will respond to a series of gratitude prompts at varying speeds and measure the impact on our moods.

S23: Purposeful Happiness

In this session, we will explore the concept of finding purpose by learning about the '4 Levels of Happiness.' Through this discussion, we will gain a better understanding of how happiness and purpose are connected and can support our well-being.

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What can I do to fully engage in my life now that prepares me for a meaningful life after high school?

S24: A Letter to Self

This is a review session focused on thinking back and reflecting on things we've learned and ways we've grown this year. This reflection process is important for students to cement the learning they have done this year. In this session, we will take that knowledge and put it, along with our hopes, into a letter for ourselves to read at the time of high school graduation.

S25: Reflections

This is a review session focused on thinking back and reflecting on things we've learned and ways we've grown this year. This reflection process is important for students to cement the learning they have done this year through a process called a Sankofa Session. In this session, we will reflect and share something we learned this year that was meaningful to us.

25 SESSIONS **12th Grade** Scope & Sequence

Leadership:

How can we create a place where everyone feels like they belong?

Abstract: The 12th Grade 25-Session Scope and Sequence offers extensive coverage of the main ingredients comprising CharacterStrong's curriculum. These ingredients support 3 essential outcomes: well-being, belonging, and engagement. In 12th grade, we place special emphasis on leadership. Our essential question is: *How can we work to build a better world through personal influence and effective teamwork?* **Below, you will find how the 5 ingredients featured in the 12th Grade 25-Session Scope and Sequence are covered, followed by the complete sequential scope and sequence.**

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- S3: Building Community
- S4: Community Agreements
- S5: To Be Lists, pt 1

Values & Purpose

- S6: To Be Lists, pt 2
- S8: Purpose for Learning
- S9: Pursuing Purpose
- S10: Dream Discussions
- S14: Making Time

Empathy & Compassion

- S11: Selfless Pursuits
- S16: Effective Empathy
- S17: Expanding Empathy
- S21: Developing Selflessness, pt 1
- S22: Developing Selflessness, pt 2
- S23: Deep Kindness

Emotion Understanding & Regulation

- S24: Meaningful Gratitude

Goals & Habits

- S12: Well-being Habits, pt 1
- S13: Well-being Habits, pt 2

Leadership & Teamwork

- S7: What Does It Mean to Lead?
- S15: Practicing Leadership
- S18: Practicing Perspective-Getting
- S19: Expanding Social Awareness
- S20: Real Life Commitment

NOTE: Access additional teamwork and project-based learning sessions in the Group Projects section of the Campus Resources menu

Reflections

- S25: Final Reflections

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12th Grade Scope & Sequence

Leadership:

How can we work to build a better world through personal influence and effective teamwork?

S1: Welcome

Welcome to Session 1! This session helps set the stage for the "What", the "How", and the "Why" for this year. It helps create clarity for both the educator and students which sets the program up for success.

S2: Building Connections

This is the 1st of 2 sessions about building community. The goal is to begin to develop relationships and start creating a sense of safety and community in our classroom.

S3: Building Community

This is the 2nd of 2 sessions in our community-building series. In this session, we begin to work together to reflect on our high school experience and ways we might help younger students have a positive experience at our school.

S4: Community Agreements

This session is designed to develop Community Agreements. This process is meant to bring many voices forward to make sure everyone has an opportunity to reflect on and discuss how we want to treat each other. These agreements are designed to help the class to become a safe place where people can be genuine without fear of mistreatment. The agreements are designed to serve as guidelines we can refer to throughout the year.

S5: To Be Lists, pt 1

This is the 1st of 2 sessions related to values. In this session, we will explore how actions can reflect values and begin the conversation about "To Do List" versus a "To Be List." Importantly, this session introduces the To Be Challenge - a way to put our values into action. Every grade level has the same challenge corresponding to this week's session, allowing schools to highlight and easily communicate the challenge, which can result in the greatest positive impact on the school community. After this session, all sessions will include the To Be Challenge process. Remember: These challenges are invitations, not demands! The power is in the conversation.

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S6: To Be Lists, pt 2

This is the 2nd of 2 sessions focused on thinking about our values. In this session, we share ideas with each other about how to put values into practice. It is the first time that we will experience the full To Be Challenge process: 1st, reflect on the previous To Be Challenge, and 2nd, introduce the new challenge (both parts include some discussion). Remember: To Be Challenges are invitations, not demands! The power is in the conversation.

S7: What Does it Mean to Lead?

This session is designed to set the stage for the theme of this year: "Leadership." In this session, we begin to explore how we can all be positive leaders by influencing others.

S8: Purpose For Learning

This is the 1st of 2 sessions on "purpose." In this session, we will start to work on defining a sense of purpose for ourselves. We will also learn a strategy to help us discover purpose by linking our passions and interests with people that matter to us.

S9: Pursuing Purpose

This is the 2nd of 2 sessions on "purpose." In this session, we work to identify a sense of purpose that combines what we are good at and like to do with something that is needed in our community or world.

S10: Dream Discussions

This is the 1st of 2 sessions focused on our dreams for ourselves. In this session, we reflect on our dreams and explore ways they may connect to our sense of purpose.

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S11: Selfless Pursuits

This is the 2nd of 2 sessions focused on our dreams. In this session, we move from exploring our dreams for ourselves and employ perspective-taking skills to think about what we'd like to do to help others.

S12: Well-Being Habits, pt 1

This is the 1st of 2 sessions on habits. In this session, we start by thinking about small manageable changes we want to make in our lives and how to make those into habits.

S13: Well-Being Habits, pt 2

This is the 2nd of 2 sessions on habits. The goal is to continue building habits and practices that increase well-being.

S14: Making Time

In this session, we focus on how we spend our time and ways we can make time for doing the things we value.

S15: Practicing Leadership

This session is focused on identifying things we can improve in our school and actions we can take to make them better.

S16: Effective Empathy

This is a session on Empathy and Perspective-Taking. We learn about the formula for "Effective Empathy" - what it takes to ensure empathy leads to positive action - and reflect on why each ingredient matters.

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S17: Expanding Empathy

This is the 2nd Perspective-Taking session. In this session, we focus on "perspective-getting" - a phrase that highlights that affective perspective-taking is an active process that often involves asking questions rather than assuming we know what others are experiencing.

S18: Practicing Perspective-Getting

This is the 3rd of 3 Perspective-Taking sessions. The goal is to practice understanding new perspectives by listening with curiosity to other people's experiences.

S19: Expanding Social Awareness

In this session we will explore the concept of social awareness. Students will reflect on 3 questions, share with others, and discuss the implications of perspective-taking at school.

S20: Real Life Commitment

In this session, we will explore the meaning and impact of commitment on relationships, teamwork, and leadership. We will also develop an awareness of their responsibility towards others and learn how to demonstrate commitment in our own lives by applying it to real-life situations and ethical dilemmas.

S21: Developing Selflessness, Pt.1

This is the 1st of 2 sessions on selflessness. This session introduces the trait of selflessness and asks us to share stories of selfless acts that we have seen or experienced.

S22: Developing Selflessness, Pt.2

This is the 2nd of 2 sessions on selflessness. Using a shared definition of selflessness as a starting point, we will brainstorm small, medium, and large selfless acts we can practice at school.

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S23: Deep Kindness

This session focuses on challenging older students to make kindness more normal in our world. We will reflect on what makes kindness challenging and create a piece of writing that either exercises compassion or clarifies their own feelings towards it.

S24: Meaningful Gratitude

In this session, we learn about the power of 'specific gratitude' and how it can boost our well-being. We also have opportunities to practice specific gratitude and measure its impact on their mood.

S25: Reflections

This session focuses on thinking back and reflecting on things we've learned and ways we've grown this year through a process called a Sankofa Session. This reflection process is important for students to cement the learning they have done this year. In this session, we will reflect on important things we learned and how we can put them into action going forward.