

**Course Title – Computer Programming I**

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**Unit # 1, topic : Problem Solving Process**

Students will be able to independently use their learning to model in a flow chart, pseudo code, and in actual code an algorithm to complete a specific task.

**Stage 1 – Desired Results**

**Established Goals**

**2009 NJCCC Standard(s), Strand(s)/CPI #**

(<http://www.nj.gov/education/cccs/2009/final.htm>)

**Common Core Curriculum Standards for Math and English**

(<http://www.corestandards.org/>)

NJ World Class Standards

Content Area: 21st Century Life and Careers

(<http://www.state.nj.us/education/cccs/standards/9/9-4-K.htm>)

9.4.12.K.66 Employ information management techniques and strategies to assist in decision-making

9.4.12.K.(3).8 Participate in a user-focused design and development process to produce Web-based and digital communication solution

9.4.12.K.(4).1 Identify and analyze customer software needs and requirements to guide programming and software development

9.4.12.K.(4).2 Create and use information technology strategies and projects plans when solving specific problems to deliver a product that

**21<sup>st</sup> Century Themes**

([www.21stcenturyskills.org](http://www.21stcenturyskills.org))

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

**21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills**

*Learning and Innovation Skills:*

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

*Information, Media and Technology Skills:*

- Information Literacy
- Media Literacy
- ICT (Information, Communications and Technology) Literacy

*Life and Career Skills:*

<p>meets customer specifications</p> <p>9.4.12.K.(4).3 Identify and analyze system and software requirements to ensure maximum operating efficiency</p> <p>9.4.12.K.(4).4 Demonstrate the effective use of software development tools to develop software applications</p> <p>9.4.12.K.(4).5 Use the software development process to design a software and deliver it to the customer</p> <p>9.4.12.(4).6 Produce a computer application, in code, to demonstrate proficiency in developing an application using the appropriate programming language</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flexibility and Adaptability</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Initiative and Self-Direction</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Social and Cross-Cultural Skills</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Productivity and Accountability</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Leadership and Responsibility</p>
<p><b><u>Enduring Understandings:</u></b></p> <p><i>Students will understand that . . .</i></p> <p><i>EU 1</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will understand that programs must be carefully be designed before they are written.</li> </ul> <p><i>EU 2</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will understand that programmers use pseudo code and flowcharts to model a program</li> </ul> <p><i>EU 3</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will understand that programming languages have evolved to higher level languages</li> </ul> <p><i>EU 4</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will understand that algorithms have an end and a specified result</li> </ul> <p><i>EU 5</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will understand that computers store and read data using number systems based upon 0's and 1's</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Essential Questions:</u></b></p> <p><i>EU 1</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Why is it important to plan you program?</li> </ul> <p><i>EU 2</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How can a flowchart be developed, read and interpreted?</li> <li>Why are flowcharts important?</li> </ul> <p><i>EU 3</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How and why has programming evolved?</li> </ul> <p><i>EU 4</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the purpose of a data algorithm?</li> </ul> <p><i>EU 5</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How does a computer read and store data?</li> </ul>

**Knowledge:**

Students will know . . .

**EU 1**

- how to plan a program.

**EU 2**

- how to design, create and use a flow chart

**EU 3**

- the differences between machine and high level languages

**EU 4**

- the definition of an algorithm

**EU 5**

- Binary, Octal, Decimal and Hexadecimal are the number systems used by computers

**Skills:**

Students will be able to . . .

**EU 1**

- plan a solution given a specific problem

**EU 2**

- Develop a flowchart that follows a plan

**EU 3**

- explain why programming languages have evolved from Machine to a High Level Language

**EU 4**

- Identify key aspects of a problem posed and develop an algorithm to solve the problem

**EU 5**

- convert numbers between all of the computer number systems

## Stage 2 – Assessment Evidence

**Recommended Performance Tasks:** *Each unit must have at least 1 Performance Task. Consider the GRASPS form.*

**Other Recommended Evidence:** *Tests, Quizzes, Prompts, Self-assessment, Observations, Dialogues, etc.*

- Flow charts including program flow and looping processes
- Pseudo code: a handwritten version of the program where the code is not written in full but rather an idea of the program flow is hashed out on paper
- Algorithms: Written code of the mathematical process that will allow data to be put into an array and sorted. The mathematical process of searching for data using different techniques.
- Test/quizzes
- Class discussion

### **Stage 3 – Learning Plan**

**Suggested Learning Activities to Include Differentiated Instruction and Interdisciplinary Connections:** *Consider the WHERETO elements. Each learning activity listed must be accompanied by a learning goal of A= Acquiring basic knowledge and skills, M= Making meaning and/or a T= Transfer.*

- Convert numbers from any of the numbers styles to the one of the other three (M)
- Develop an algorithm for starting a car, starting with putting the key in the ignition (T)
- Develop an algorithm for determining a student's GPA given his/her credits and grade for each course (T)
- Convert algorithms into a flowchart (T)
- Desk-check the GPA algorithm (T)
- Debug an existing algorithm, provided by teacher, and convert to a flowchart (T)

**The following is the suggested sequence of learning activities and number of days Computer Programming I class.  
(Approximate number of days 29)**

- **Components of a computer system: Hardware, Software and Communications**
- **Evolution of computer Systems: History, Language Levels (Lower and Higher)**
- **Problem Solving Techniques: Problem Definition, Top Down Design**
- **Problem Solving Techniques: Flowcharting, Documentation and Debugging**
- **Program Design: Working with the user interface and the form designer**
- **Organization of Program Outcomes: Working with Interfaces**
- **Program Outputs: Message Boxes, List Boxes and output interfaces**

## **Vocabulary**

- Programming Languages
- Machine Language
- High Level Language
- Object Orientated programming
- Documentation
- Code
- Binary
- Octal
- Hexadecimal
- Pseudo Code
- Algorithm