

7TH GRADE PATHWAYS SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Throughout this Project-Based Learning course, students will create, collaborate, and present projects rooted in real-world problems and questions. This class is all about the student learning WHO they are and their interests all while developing vital 21st century skills. Our goal in this classroom is to challenge each student's critical thinking while exploring the world around us.

With our Career Exploration focus, we will concentrate on your Individual Plan of Study. Your IPS will serve as a guide to help you make decisions for high school, college, and your future career and is considered a "best practice" for districts and can help all Kansas students obtain a suitable vision of their path toward college and career readiness. The IPS is addressed as part of the "Career Awareness and Guidance" criteria in Kansas' accreditation model (KESA).

EVERYDAY MATERIALS: COURSE BREAKDOWN

- Pencil
- Macbook
- Wired earbuds

Project Based Learning 75%
Career Exploration 15%
Character Education 10%

ESSENTIAL STANDARDS: THE 4 C'S

- 1) Students will be able to develop and apply critical thinking skills to analyze, evaluate, and communicate information effectively.
- 2) Students will be able to develop and apply effective communication skills across various contexts to enhance understanding.
- 3) Students will be able to develop and demonstrate effective collaboration skills to work successfully with others in various settings.
- 4) Students will develop and express creativity through a variety of modes and personal choices, demonstrating originality, and exploration.

ASSESSMENT & GRADING:

Most of the work in Pathways will be graded using a rubric based on the 4 C's of pathways - Creativity, Collaboration, Communication and Critical Thinking. Feedback and reflection are vital components in this course and will be used to assess student progress on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis. Skyward will be up to date every Thursday without exception. Please check the Parent/Student access portal to view current student grades.

CELL PHONE & MACBOOKS:

- Cell phones are prohibited in the classroom per school policy. All cell phones must stay in lockers during the school day. This policy is strictly enforced unless specific instructions are given for students to bring their phones to class for project work.
- Macbooks are only to be used for school-related purposes. Computer games are NOT permitted. Technology is a privilege. Macbooks should be closed unless asked to use them by the teacher.