

8th Grade Advisory Project Based Research

Local Course #: 8555

State Course ID: 12701500

Course Description:

Course Description: Immerse yourself in the exciting world of career exploration through our innovative middle school course, designed in alignment with Texas House Bill 5. This dynamic program allows students to delve into their passions and future careers, engaging in hands-on projects and real-world research. With a focus on scientific methods, problem-solving, and in-depth exploration, students navigate diverse professions and investigate high school programs of study, especially in Career and Technical Education, tailored to their interests. Our course satisfies the requirements and updates outlined in Texas House Bill 5, ensuring students are well-prepared for their future endeavors. Hone your presentation skills, uncover hidden talents, and gain practical knowledge, all while preparing for a successful future.

Link to the PBR Overview-

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Yu57YwwLa_rEaoqrrwuLJ0P4OLp7G190/edit?usp=sharing&oid=110543460916783458382&rtpof=true&sd=true

Link to TEKS:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1p0zgYxGKBr9ReQIDStMdP5-B9WsBvABI/view?usp=sharing>

First 9 Weeks Major Topics:

Unit 1: Explore Career Matches- This unit introduces middle school students to the concept of career exploration, helping them understand their interests, strengths, and potential career paths. It aims to broaden their perspectives and encourage early career planning through various activities.

Second 9 Weeks Major Topics:

Unit 2: KISD Course Guide & House Bill 5- In this unit, students will learn about the Keller ISD Course Guide, Endorsements, and Pathways to help prepare them for creating their high school Four Year Plans. Students will also explore their programs of study available in high school.

Third 9 Weeks Major Topics:

1. Unit 3: Self-Advocacy- In this unit, students will learn about self-advocacy that focuses on equipping students with skills to effectively communicate their needs, goals, and rights in the workforce. This unit emphasizes the importance of self-awareness, resilience, and effective communication.

2. Unit 4: Transition to High School- This unit addresses the critical period of transitioning from middle school to high school. This unit provides students with the information they will need to feel prepared to start ninth grade year in Keller ISD. This unit covers the importance of clubs, extracurricular activities, understanding college applications, and exploring their own Keller ISD high schools.

Fourth 9 Weeks Major Topics:

Unit 5: Skills- This unit focuses on equipping students with an understanding of the essential skills needed in today's workforce. It emphasizes the development of both hard and soft skills that are important for any career path.