

L.E.A.P-Leadership, Employability and Professional Skills Syllabus

Course Description/Goals:

In this year-long course, students will explore college and career pathways, strengthen their communication skills, define their leadership styles, and develop a foundational understanding of financial literacy. Coursework emphasizes professional communication through activities such as speeches, mock interviews, and group projects. This course is designed to equip students with transferable skills essential for success in diverse workplace settings. Students will have the opportunity to explore NISD Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, Advanced Academics, and prepare their Personal Graduation Plan. Required elective for all 8th graders.

Course TEKS/Objectives:

This course provides students with knowledge of the prerequisite skills for general employment as well as the means of obtaining those skills. Employability skills include fundamentals of maintenance of personal appearance and grooming. The course also includes the knowledge, skills, and attitudes that allow employees to get along with their co-workers, make important work-related decisions, and become strong members of the work team. Discovering job possibilities that link skills, abilities, interests, values, needs, and work environment preferences is a part of the process of obtaining employability skills and abilities and is experiential learning that takes place over time. This course is designed to guide students in obtaining the knowledge and the needed employability skills that are transferable among a variety of jobs and careers and are considered essential in any employment situation. Students will learn and apply basic knowledge of what is expected in the workplace.

<https://tea.texas.gov/academics/learning-support-and-programs/innovative-courses/general-employability-skills2018.pdf>

Course Outline:

Semester 1	Semester 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">-NISD CTE Opportunities-Careers-Financial Management-Communication & Interactions-Leadership-College Exploration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Personal Graduation Plan-Bag Speech-Informative Speech-Employment Exploration: Resume and Interview Skills-Special Occasion Speech-Persuasive Speaking & Debate-Shark Tank-Reflection Speech