

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.

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AI

Students will learn about the proper uses of AI. Each activity and project will review AI expectations and AI's place in being used. Students will be asked to redo their work if AI is suspected to have been used for the creation of their work outside of the AI expectations that were set in class and in their grading rubric. If corrections to the students' work is not completed, a zero will be awarded due to the lack of mastery shown. Parent/Guardian contact will be made in the event of out of bounds AI usage.

ABSENT

Students that are absent will be responsible for checking the weekly agenda on Canvas in modules. The activities will be linked with instructions attached. For paper copy activities, please see teacher for a copy or use the digital file linked in Canvas for that activity. Contact your Pathways teacher for further questions or concerns regarding your absence.

LATE WORK POLICY:

Students have until the end of our unit to submit work for full credit. Turning in assignments late within the unit will not have a point deduction. No work will be accepted for any credit past the unit deadline. These deadlines will be communicated in monthly newsletters and on Canvas.

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I have read and understand the syllabus, the rules of this class, and what is expected in 7th grade Pathways class. If I have any questions I will not hesitate to ask.

Student signature

Date

Parent/Guardian signature

Date

Show your teacher
your signed syllabus
and keep in your
Pathways folder.