

Wallenpaupack Area School District Planned Course Curriculum Guide

BCIT

Sophomore Seminar

Course Description:

Description: This course is designed to engage students in an extensive problem-solving experience. Whether it be service-oriented, entrepreneurial, or scientific, the problem to solve is chosen by the student. This course includes technological applications, career development, and an internet safety and security discussion. The work produced by students will be uploaded to the student's career portfolio, which will serve as a repository that the student may use with future employers/post-secondary education providers to showcase their high school accomplishments and career preparation activities.

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COURSE: Sophomore Seminar	GRADE/S: 10th
UNIT 1: Proposal/Business Plan	TIMEFRAME: Two Weeks

<p>PA COMMON CORE/NATIONAL STANDARDS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard - 15.5.12.D Create a business plan using appropriate data to support the business concept. • Standard - 15.5.12.E Evaluate legal forms of business entities when considering entrepreneurship (e.g., existing business, franchise, new business, corporation, LLC, partnership, sole proprietorship). • Standard - 13.4.11.B Analyze entrepreneurship as it relates to personal character traits. • Standard - 13.4.11.C Develop a business plan for an entrepreneurial concept of personal interest and identify available resources, such as, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Community based organizations (that is chambers of commerce, trade/technical associations, Industrial Resource Centers) ○ Financial institutions ○ School-based career centers Small Business Administration services (that is SCORE, Small Business Development Centers, Entrepreneurial Development Centers) ○ Venture capital
<p>UNIT OBJECTIVES (SWBATS):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generate ideas for business based on personal interests. • Brainstorm and identify appropriate business concepts. • Identify and apply appropriate business legal structure to their business. • Compare information related to their business. • Compose a business plan for their business.
<p>INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES/ACTIVITIES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion • Brainstorming activities • Think-Pair-Share (small groups) • Plan creation • Targeted Feedback
<p>ASSESSMENTS (Diagnostic/Benchmark/Formative/Summative):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Product: Business Plan
<p>DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION (Acceleration/Enrichment):</p>
<p>RESOURCES (Technology Based Resources, Text Resources, etc.):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Business Administration https://www.sba.gov/business-guide/plan-your-business/write-your-business-plan
<p>KEY VOCABULARY:</p>

- Business plan
- Sole Proprietorship
- Partnership
- Corporation
- Regulations
- Products (Goods/Services)
- Products life cycle

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UNIT 2: Calendar

TIMEFRAME: One Week

PA COMMON CORE/NATIONAL STANDARDS:

- **Standard – 13.3.11.A**

Evaluate personal attitudes and work habits that support career retention and advancement.

- **Standard – 13.3.11.E**

Evaluate time management strategies and their application to both personal and work situations.

- **Standard – 15.3.12.N**

Demonstrate appropriate work ethic in the workplace, community, and classroom.

UNIT OBJECTIVES (SWBATS):

- Identify personal project goals.
- Demonstrate project completion goals.
- Analyze and develop personal project goals.

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES/ACTIVITIES:

- Discussion
- Modeling
- Student Goal Setting
- Targeted Feedback

ASSESSMENTS (Diagnostic/Benchmark/Formative/Summative):

- Product: Calendar

DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION (Acceleration/Enrichment):

RESOURCES (Technology Based Resources, Text Resources, etc.):

- Microsoft Excel
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=.CUnI4NY6c8>

KEY VOCABULARY:

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UNIT 3: Logo	TIMEFRAME: One Week

<p>PA COMMON CORE/NATIONAL STANDARDS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard - 13.1.11.B Analyze career options based on personal interests, abilities, aptitudes, achievements and goals • Standard - 15.3.12.M Critique etiquette skills for building and maintaining a professional image. • Standard - 15.3.12.D Evaluate business materials (including web based resources) for value related to purpose, quality, and appropriateness.
<p>UNIT OBJECTIVES (SWBATS):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognize the relationship between their business and logo. • Explain why they chose their logo design. • Appraise the effectiveness of their logo design.
<p>INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES/ACTIVITIES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discovery • Modeling • Hands-on learning • Peer Collaboration
<p>ASSESSMENTS (Diagnostic/Benchmark/Formative/Summative):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Product: Logo • Reflection Question(s)
<p>DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION (Acceleration/Enrichment):</p>
<p>RESOURCES (Technology Based Resources, Text Resources, etc.):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adobe: Creative Express • Canva • Online Logo creators
<p>KEY VOCABULARY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logo • Professional image

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COURSE: Sophomore Seminar	GRADE/S: 10th
UNIT 4: Business Card and Letterhead	TIMEFRAME: One Week

<p>PA COMMON CORE/NATIONAL STANDARDS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard - 13.1.11.B Analyze career options based on personal interests, abilities, aptitudes, achievements and goals. • Standard - 13.4.11.A Analyze entrepreneurship as it relates to personal career goals and corporate opportunities. • Standard - 15.3.12.D Evaluate business materials (including web based resources) for value related to purpose, quality, and appropriateness. • Standard - 15.3.12.M Critique etiquette skills for building and maintaining a professional image.
<p>UNIT OBJECTIVES (SWBATS):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify content in business card and letterhead. • Locate appropriate location to start business. • Create a business card and letterhead.
<p>INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES/ACTIVITIES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hands-on learning • Discovery • Targeted feedback
<p>ASSESSMENTS (Diagnostic/Benchmark/Formative/Summative):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Product: business card • Product letterhead
<p>DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION (Acceleration/Enrichment):</p>
<p>RESOURCES (Technology Based Resources, Text Resources, etc.):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adobe: Creative Express • Canva • Microsoft Word • Peer Collaboration
<p>KEY VOCABULARY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business card • Letterhead • Business address • Header/footer

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UNIT 5: Poster/Flyer/Post Card or Newspaper Ad	TIMEFRAME: One Week

PA COMMON CORE/NATIONAL STANDARDS:

- **Standard - 13.1.8.A**
Relate careers to individual interests, abilities, and aptitudes.
- **Standard - 15.3.12.U**
Critique the effectiveness of various electronic communication options related to desired outcomes.
- **Standard - 15.3.12.Q**
Analyze communication channels and their effectiveness within the corporate culture.
- **Standard - 15.3.12.M**
Critique etiquette skills for building and maintaining a professional image.

UNIT OBJECTIVES (SWBATS):

- Recognize various methods of effective business communication.
- Identify appropriate media communication for various businesses.
- Choose media type for their business.
- Create media communication.

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES/ACTIVITIES:

- Direct Instruction
- Identifying similarities and differences
- Inquiry-based learning
- Targeted feedback

ASSESSMENTS (Diagnostic/Benchmark/Formative/Summative):

- Product: Poster/Flier/Postcard/Social media Ad or Newspaper Ad
- Reflection question(s)

DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION (Acceleration/Enrichment):

- Students may create a social media advertisement.

RESOURCES (Technology Based Resources, Text Resources, etc.):

- Adobe: Creative Express
- Canva
- Microsoft Word
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KEY VOCABULARY:

- Poster
- Flier
- Newspaper Ad
- Media communication (digital/physical)

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UNIT 6: Website	TIMEFRAME: One-Two Weeks

PA COMMON CORE/NATIONAL STANDARDS:

- **Standard - 13.1.8.A**
Relate careers to individual interests, abilities, and aptitudes.
- **Standard - 15.3.12.U**
Critique the effectiveness of various electronic communication options related to desired outcomes.
- **Standard - 15.3.12.M**
Critique etiquette skills for building and maintaining a professional image.
- **Standard - 15.9.12.I**
Design a comprehensive promotion plan for a product or service.

UNIT OBJECTIVES (SWBATS):

- Recognize various parts of a website.
- Select appropriate information to communicate via their website.
- Design/create a website for business.

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES/ACTIVITIES:

- Discovery
- Direct instruction
- Hands-on learning
- Peer Collaboration
- Targeted Feedback

ASSESSMENTS (Diagnostic/Benchmark/Formative/Summative):

- Product: Website

DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION (Acceleration/Enrichment):

- Digital product creation

RESOURCES (Technology Based Resources, Text Resources, etc.):

- Website builders: Godaddy, Wix, and/or Squarespace
- Canva

KEY VOCABULARY:

- Homepage
- Contact page
- Shop/Product page
- About Us page

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UNIT 7: Press Release or Job Description	TIMEFRAME: One Week

PA COMMON CORE/NATIONAL STANDARDS:

- **Standard - 13.1.8.D**
Explain the relationship of career training programs to employment opportunities.
- **Standard - 13.1.8.E**
Analyze the economic factors that impact employment opportunities, such as, but not limited to:
Competition
 - Geographic location
 - Global influences
 - Job growth
 - Job openings
 - Labor supply
 - Potential advancement
 - Potential earnings
 - Salaries/benefits
 - Unemployment
- **Standard - 15.2.12.D**
Analyze job tasks and responsibilities when working in a virtual versus a traditional work environment.
- **Standard - 15.2.12.M**
Evaluate the impact of workplace expectations on job performance. Reference Career Education and Work 13.3.12.A - B
- **Standard - 15.3.12.U**
Critique the effectiveness of various electronic communication options related to desired outcomes.

UNIT OBJECTIVES (SWBATS):

- Define job description.
- Identify key requirements of a job description.
- Select key requirements for their job descriptions.
- Create job description.
- Define press release.
- Identify purpose of press release.
- Select appropriate information to communicate via their press release.

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES/ACTIVITIES:

- Discovery
- Direct instruction
- Hands-on learning
- Peer Collaboration
- Targeted Feedback
- Student goal setting

ASSESSMENTS (Diagnostic/Benchmark/Formative/Summative):

- Product: Job Description(s)
- Product: Press release

DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION (Acceleration/Enrichment):

- multiple job descriptions

RESOURCES (Technology Based Resources, Text Resources, etc.):

- Microsoft Word
- Canva
- Job Search Website: Indeed, Monster, LinkedIn

KEY VOCABULARY:

- Job description
- Press release
- Roles/responsibilities
- Qualifications
- Skills

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UNIT 8: Mailing List and Merge	TIMEFRAME: One-Two Weeks

PA COMMON CORE/NATIONAL STANDARDS:

- **Standard - 13.1.8.A**

Relate careers to individual interests, abilities, and aptitudes.

- **Standard - 13.2.8.C**

Prepare a draft of career acquisition documents, such as, but not limited to:

- Job application
- Letter of appreciation following an interview
- Letter of introduction
- Request for letter of recommendation
- Resume

- **Standard - 15.3.12.U**

Critique the effectiveness of various electronic communication options related to desired outcomes.

- **Standard - 15.3.12.I**

Synthesize information gathered from multiple sources (e.g., digital, print, face to face).

- **Standard - 15.3.12.M**

Critique etiquette skills for building and maintaining a professional image.

UNIT OBJECTIVES (SWBATS):

- Identify businesses to collaborate with.
- Practice writing a business letter.
- Create contact list, identifying business contract address.

<p>INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES/ACTIVITIES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discovery • Direct instruction • Hands-on learning • Peer Collaboration • Targeted Feedback
<p>ASSESSMENTS (Diagnostic/Benchmark/Formative/Summative):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Product: merged business letter w/contact list
<p>DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION (Acceleration/Enrichment):</p>
<p>RESOURCES (Technology Based Resources, Text Resources, etc.):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microsoft Word • Microsoft Excel • Business Letter Format <p>https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/subject_specific_writing/professional_technical_writing/basic_business_letters/sample_letters.html</p>
<p>KEY VOCABULARY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business letter • Contact list • Business contact information

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UNIT 9: Audio Commercial/Podcast	TIMEFRAME: One Week

<p>PA COMMON CORE/NATIONAL STANDARDS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard - 13.1.8.A Relate careers to individual interests, abilities, and aptitudes. • Standard - 15.3.12.U Critique the effectiveness of various electronic communication options related to desired outcomes. • Standard - 15.3.12.M Critique etiquette skills for building and maintaining a professional image. • Standard - 15.9.12.I Design a comprehensive promotion plan for a product or service.
<p>UNIT OBJECTIVES (SWBATS):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defining audio ad/podcast • Relate real audio advertisement/podcasts to the needs of their business. • Identify key message of audio ad/podcast.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create script and recording of their audio ad/podcast
INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES/ACTIVITIES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discovery • Identifying similarities and differences • Hands-on learning • Peer Collaboration • Targeted Feedback
ASSESSMENTS (Diagnostic/Benchmark/Formative/Summative): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Product: script and audio advertisement or podcast
DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION (Acceleration/Enrichment): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video competent to pair with audio ad
RESOURCES (Technology Based Resources, Text Resources, etc.): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Real radio ad or podcast analysis • Garage Band • Canva
KEY VOCABULARY: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Script • Audio advertisement • Podcast

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UNIT 10: Budget	TIMEFRAME: One-Two Weeks

PA COMMON CORE/NATIONAL STANDARDS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard - 13.3.8.D Analyze budgets and pay statements, such as, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Charitable contributions ○ Expenses ○ Gross pay ○ Net pay ○ Other income ○ Savings ○ Taxes • Standard - 15.6.12.N Compare and contrast various suppliers of insurance products and develop criteria to evaluate individual insurance needs. • Standard - 13.4.8.A Compare and contrast entrepreneurship to traditional employment, such as, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefits
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job security • Operating costs • Wages
UNIT OBJECTIVES (SWBATS): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List items needed for their business. • Recognize start-up versus monthly business costs. • Calculate expense costs for their business.
INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES/ACTIVITIES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discovery • Hands-on learning • Cooperative learning • Targeted Feedback
ASSESSMENTS (Diagnostic/Benchmark/Formative/Summative): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Product: Excel Budget
DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION (Acceleration/Enrichment):
RESOURCES (Technology Based Resources, Text Resources, etc.): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microsoft Excel
KEY VOCABULARY: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget • Expenses • Taxes • Fixed/variable costs

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UNIT 11: Reflection Journal	TIMEFRAME: Throughout Project Length

PA COMMON CORE/NATIONAL STANDARDS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard - 13.3.8.A Determine attitudes and work habits that support career retention and advancement. • Standard - 13.3.8.E Identify and apply time management strategies as they relate to both personal and work situations. • Standard - 13.4.8.A Compare and contrast entrepreneurship to traditional employment, such as, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Benefits ○ Job security ○ Operating costs ○ Wages
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UNIT OBJECTIVES (SWBATS): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Express daily work completed, identifying areas of struggle and success. Reflect and assess total project.
INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES/ACTIVITIES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective questioning Student self-assessment
ASSESSMENTS (Diagnostic/Benchmark/Formative/Summative): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Product: Reflection Journal
DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION (Acceleration/Enrichment):
RESOURCES (Technology Based Resources, Text Resources, etc.): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Microsoft Word
KEY VOCABULARY:

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UNIT 12: Résumé	TIMEFRAME: One Week

PA COMMON CORE/NATIONAL STANDARDS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standard - 13.3.8.A Determine attitudes and work habits that support career retention and advancement. Standard - 13.1.11.F Analyze the relationship between career choices and career preparation opportunities, such as, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Associate degree Baccalaureate degree Certificate/licensure Entrepreneurship Immediate part/full time employment Industry training Military training Professional degree Registered apprenticeship Tech Prep Vocational rehabilitation centers Standard - 13.1.11.G Assess the implementation of the individualized career plan through the ongoing development of the career portfolio.

UNIT OBJECTIVES (SWBATS):

- Recognize personal skills, experience, education, activities, and references to add to their resume.
- Choose relevant personal skills and experience to add to resume.
- Assemble and organize professional resume.
- Apply skills learned in class to resume.

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES/ACTIVITIES:

- Self-reflection
- Targeted feedback
- Discovery

ASSESSMENTS (Diagnostic/Benchmark/Formative/Summative):

- Product: Resume

DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION (Acceleration/Enrichment):**RESOURCES (Technology Based Resources, Text Resources, etc.):**

- Microsoft Word
- Resume builders

KEY VOCABULARY:

- Resume
- References
- Job experience

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- **Standard - 13.2.8.D**

Develop an individualized career portfolio including components, such as, but not limited to:

- Achievements
- Awards/recognitions
- Career exploration results
- Career plans
- Community service involvement/projects
- Interests/hobbies
- Personal career goals
- Selected school work
- Self inventories

- **Standard - 15.3.12.H**

Evaluate presentations for language, proper techniques and media choices. Reference English Language Arts CC.1.5.11-12.C, CC.111-12.E

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Evaluate presentations for language, proper techniques and media choices. Reference English Language Arts CC.1.5.11-12.C, CC.111-12.E

UNIT OBJECTIVES (SWBATS):

- Describe project using visual aids and project parts.
- Analyze interrelationship between project parts and communication.
- Describe purpose of project parts in relationship to their business.

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES/ACTIVITIES:

- Student self-reflection
- Student goal setting
- Identifying similarities and differences

ASSESSMENTS (Diagnostic/Benchmark/Formative/Summative):

- Product: Presentation w/visual aid

DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION (Acceleration/Enrichment):

RESOURCES (Technology Based Resources, Text Resources, etc.):

- Microsoft PowerPoint, Sway
- Prezi
- Canva

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UNIT 14: Time Management Certificate

TIMEFRAME: One Week

PA COMMON CORE/NATIONAL STANDARDS:

- **Standard - 13.3.8.E**

Identify and apply time management strategies as they relate to both personal and work situations.

UNIT OBJECTIVES (SWBATS):

- Define time management.
- Identify time management techniques, styles, and tools.
- Analyze personal time management needs.

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES/ACTIVITIES:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modeling Hands-on-learning
ASSESSMENTS (Diagnostic/Benchmark/Formative/Summative): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate earned.
DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION (Acceleration/Enrichment):
RESOURCES (Technology Based Resources, Text Resources, etc.): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Career safe
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UNIT 15: Time Management	TIMEFRAME: One Week

PA COMMON CORE/NATIONAL STANDARDS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standard - 13.3.11.A Evaluate personal attitudes and work habits that support career retention and advancement. Standard - 13.3.11.E Evaluate time management strategies and their application to both personal and work situations.
UNIT OBJECTIVES (SWBATS): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Importance of Time Management Components of a Successful Time Management Plan Developing a Personalized Time Management Plan
INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES/ACTIVITIES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modeling Hands-on-learning
ASSESSMENTS (Diagnostic/Benchmark/Formative/Summative): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate earned.
DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION (Acceleration/Enrichment):
RESOURCES (Technology Based Resources, Text Resources, etc.): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Career safe
KEY VOCABULARY:

