

# College & Career Readiness –Falfurrias Jr. High

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## **Course Overview:**

This course introduces students to personal development, career exploration, and postsecondary readiness skills. Students will explore their strengths, set goals, learn about different careers, practice financial literacy, and develop key skills for success in high school and beyond.

## **Curriculum Source:**

This syllabus is aligned with the Texas Education Agency (TEA) Texas OnCourse Middle School Curriculum, Edition 3.0 ([texasoncourse.org](http://texasoncourse.org)). All topics, activities, and skills reflect TEA standards for College & Career Readiness for middle school students.

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## **1st Six Weeks – Self-Discovery & Goal Setting**

- Understanding personal interests, strengths, and values
  - Identifying learning styles and personality traits
  - Setting short-term and long-term goals
  - Creating a personal mission statement
  - Introduction to career clusters and pathways
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## **2nd Six Weeks – Career Exploration**

- Deeper exploration of the 16 Career Clusters
  - Matching personal interests with career opportunities
  - Investigating job descriptions, education requirements, and salaries
  - Exploring local and state workforce trends
  - Guest speakers or virtual career exploration activities
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## **3rd Six Weeks – Postsecondary Education & Training**

- Understanding different postsecondary options (college, military, technical school, certifications)
  - Introduction to high school endorsements and programs of study
  - Creating a four-year high school plan
  - Exploring Texas CTE pathways
  - College research project (virtual or in-class)
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## **4th Six Weeks – Financial Literacy**

- Introduction to personal finance
- Needs vs. wants, budgeting basics
- Understanding income, taxes, and savings
- Introduction to credit, loans, and financial responsibility
- Career salary comparisons

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## 5th Six Weeks – Employability Skills

- Communication skills, teamwork, and problem-solving
  - Growth mindset and resilience
  - Resume building and job application basics
  - Mock interviews and professional etiquette
  - Time management and study skills
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## 6th Six Weeks – Planning for the Future

- Revisiting and revising personal goals
- Updating high school and career plan
- Reflection on career interests and skills
- Presentation of “My Future Story” project
- Celebrating progress and next steps for success

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