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| **Course Title:** | Grade 11 School Counseling |
| **Grade(s):** | 11 |

| **Course Description** |
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| The 11th grade counseling curriculum focuses on helping students prepare for life after high school by exploring post-secondary options and creating individualized plans for the future. Students consider the question, *"What are my options and how do I prepare?"* as they engage in activities centered on post-secondary readiness, pathway planning, and informed decision-making.<br><br>Throughout the year, students participate in lessons and planning experiences that support post-secondary research, individualized planning, peer learning, and future goal setting. Counselors work with students to explore college, career, military, and other post-secondary pathways while helping them understand admission requirements, timelines, and opportunities that align with their interests and goals. Students also benefit from mentorship opportunities, one-on-one planning meetings, and conversations that encourage reflection and future readiness. By the end of 11th grade, students will have developed a clearer post-secondary plan, increased confidence in their decision-making, and the tools needed to successfully transition into their senior year and beyond. |
| **Approved Curricular Materials/Textbook(s)** |
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| Unit Title | Unit Description (Include Unit Objectives) | Unit Pacing |
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| Unit 1:<br>Junior Planning Classroom Lesson with Senior Students | In this junior planning unit, senior students build leadership and postsecondary readiness skills by supporting junior students in understanding the college and career planning process. Using the Junior Planning slideshow, seniors review key information about postsecondary pathways, including college, career, military, and trade options.<br><br>Students strengthen their understanding of application requirements, timelines, and next steps while reflecting on their own chosen postsecondary pathway. | Semester 1 |

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| | Counselors guide seniors in preparing to answer questions and share personal experiences related to applications, coursework, and planning.<br><br>Students participate in peer-to-peer discussions by responding to junior students' questions and helping clarify steps in the application process. This reinforces their own readiness and decision-making for life after high school.<br><br>Throughout the unit, students recognize that postsecondary planning is an ongoing process that requires preparation, reflection, and goal setting as they transition beyond high school. | |
| Unit 2: Postsecondary and Career Exploration | In this unit, juniors prepare for their 1:1 planning meetings by reviewing the Empower Your Future: Prepare for College and Career Success ahead of time. This independent review allows students to explore various postsecondary pathways, including college, vocational, and military options and generate targeted questions for their counselor.<br><br>The slide deck serves a dual purpose: first as a pre-meeting prep tool for students, and then as an interactive roadmap during the 1:1 counselor sessions. Together, counselors and students utilize the slides to navigate application requirements, resume building, and career databases like Naviance.<br><br>Throughout the unit, students take ownership of their future by learning how to build a balanced college list and organize required materials. This blended approach ensures students are active participants in their planning both before and during their personalized meetings. | Semester 2 |