

# Grades 6-8

**Academic Development:** Students will acquire the academic preparation essential to choose from a variety of educational, training, and employment options upon completion of secondary school.

- 1 Understand the relationship of personal abilities, goals, skills, interests, and motivation to academic achievement, [MA1](#)
- 2 Understand the relationship of dependability, productivity, and initiative to academic success, [MA2](#)
- 3 Understand the importance of high school course and/or program selection in relation to future academic and career options, [MA3](#)
- 4 Understand high school graduation requirements, [MA4](#)
- 5 Understand individual assessment results in relation to educational progress, [MA5](#)
- 6 Demonstrate the skills needed to develop a high school educational plan based on ability, interest, and achievement, and [MA6](#)
- 7 Demonstrate responsibility for actions to ensure a successful transition from middle school to high school. [MA7](#)

**Career Development:** Students will investigate the world of work in order to make informed career decisions.

- 1 Identify the relationship of course content, educational achievement, and career choices, [MC1](#)
- 2 Identify personal preferences, skills, and interests that influence career choices and success, [MC2](#)
- 3 Understand the effect of career choices on quality of life, [MC3](#)
- 4 Understand that behaviors such as punctuality, courtesy, proper dress and language, and hard work are essential to success in the job market, [MC4](#)
- 5 Demonstrate understanding of the education and training needed to achieve career goals, [MC5](#)
- 6 Demonstrate employability skills such as individual initiative, teamwork, problem solving, organization, and communication, [MC6](#)
- 7 Use research skills to locate, evaluate, and interpret career and educational information, and [MC7](#)
- 8 Demonstrate awareness of educational, vocational, and technical training opportunities available in high school. [MC8](#)

**Personal/Social Development: Students will acquire an understanding of, and respect for, self and others, and the skills to be responsible citizens.**

- 1 Recognize the effect of peer pressure on decision making, MP1**

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- 2 Understand the consequences of decisions and choices, MP2**

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- 3 Understand the emotional and physical dangers of substance use and abuse, MP3**

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- 4 Use appropriate decision making and problem solving skills, MP4**

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- 5 Demonstrate appropriate skills for interactions with adults and developing and maintaining positive peer relationships, MP5**

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- 6 Use appropriate communication and conflict resolution skills with peers and adults, and MP6**

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- 7 Understand how character traits, interests, abilities, and achievement relate to attaining personal, educational, and career goals. MP7**