Virginia School Counseling

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 educationa l 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
2. **Understand the consequences of decisions and choices,** MP2
3. **Understand the emotional and physical dangers of substance use and abuse,** MP3
4. **Use appropriate decision making and problem solving skills,** MP4
5. **Demonstrate appropriate skills for interactions with adults and developing and maintaining positive peer relationships,** MP5
6. **Use appropriate communication and conflict resolution skills with peers and adults, and** MP6
7. **Understand how character traits, interests, abilities, and achievement relate to attaining personal, educational, and career goals.** MP7