



**All virtual courses include a state mandated virtual synchronous session at least once per marking period. These sessions will be scheduled and facilitated by the course instructor.**

## **COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS**

### **CAREER RESEARCH AND DECISION MAKING (.5 CREDIT)**

#### **GRADES: 10-12**

Have you ever imagined where you'll be in ten years? Picture the exciting journey ahead as you discover your unique skills and talents and see how they can shape your future career. In this course, you'll dive deep into identifying potential careers that align with your passions and strengths. But that's just the beginning. You'll learn how to set goals that pave the way to financial success, no matter which career path you choose. Along the way, you'll master the art of making smart decisions and solving problems effectively. By the time you finish, you'll be fully equipped to navigate the entire process of applying for, preparing for, and acing interviews for your dream job. Get ready to embark on an adventure toward your future success!

### **CHARACTER EDUCATION (.5 CREDIT)**

#### **GRADES: 9-12**

This course teaches students practical skills for understanding and managing their emotions, setting goals and getting organized, understanding and getting along with others in our diverse world, and making good decisions. Research shows that people who practice these skills have greater academic achievement as students and experience more success and satisfaction as adults.

### **CHILD DEVELOPMENT (.5 CREDIT)**

This course provides a thorough examination of child development from conception, infancy, and toddlerhood through preschool and school age children. Physical, cognitive, emotional and social development will be studied throughout each of these stages. The role of a positive and involved caregiver in the life of a growing child is emphasized throughout the course, as well as guides for safety and best practices. Additional topics include parenting and guiding behavior, family planning, healthy pregnancy, genetic disorders, and children with special needs. Career options that involve working with children are also explored in this course.

### **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION IA: INTRODUCTION (.5 CREDIT)**

Are you curious to see what it takes to educate and nurture early learners? Use your curiosity to explore the fundamentals of childcare, like nutrition and safety, but also the complex relationships caregivers have with parents and their children. Examine the various life stages of child development and the best educational practices to enrich their minds while thinking about a possible future as a childcare provider!

### **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION IB: DEVELOPING EARLY LEARNERS (.5 CREDIT)**

Building on the previous prerequisite course, discover the joys of providing exceptional childcare and helping to develop future generations. Learn the importance of play and use it to build engaging educational activities that build literacy and math skills through each stage of childhood and special needs. Use this knowledge to develop your professional skills well suited to a career in childcare!

**Prerequisite:** Early Childhood Education Ia



## **EDUCATION & TEACHING ADVANCED (.5 CREDIT)**

### **GRADES: 9-12**

This course is designed to prepare future educators for the classroom they will inherit. It starts with a history of education and how blended, adaptive, and personalized learning are coming to the forefront in learning. It then explores new and emerging technologies, along with their current and future impact on education. Throughout the course, students will explore a wide range of career possibilities in the education field and evaluate both the promises and pitfalls of technology in education.

## **FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE (.5 CREDIT)**

### **GRADES 9-12**

Family & Consumer Science prepares students with a variety of skills for independent or family living. Topics covered include child care, home maintenance, food preparation, money management, medical management, clothing care, and more. They also focus on household, personal, and consumer health and safety. In addition, students learn goal setting and decision-making skills, as well as explore possible career options.

## **HIGH SCHOOL CAREER DISCOVERY (.5 CREDIT)**

### **GRADES: 9-12**

Your future career is likely something you've dreamed about since you were a child. Now it's time to turn that dream into a reality! In this course, you will explore your own strengths, interests, and preferences and use that information to uncover the best career for you! You will explore 17 career clusters, learn about the skills needed to work in different industries, and choose a path to pursue. You'll build a plan to get you from high school to your first day on the job, and craft a strong portfolio to land your perfect job. You've dreamed about your future career. Now it's time to create a plan and turn that dream into a goal!

## **HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES (.5 CREDIT)**

### **GRADES: 9-12**

Students in the Human Development and Family Studies course explore the basic information about human development, parenting roles and strategies, and functioning effectively within the family in today's changing and complex society. This course helps students to develop competencies related to genetics, family types, and effective communication. They investigate the ways in which humans develop over their lifespan, human relationships, child care, and child abuse. Students also learn the importance of creating a nurturing and caring home environment.

## **LEADERSHIP SKILLS DEVELOPMENT I (.5 CREDIT)**

### **GRADES: 9-12**

In this course, students will acquire new power to succeed in high school, college, and life. Students will learn how to take action by pressing their Turbo Button, manage their time by staying in the Lasting Zone, chart their goals by creating a North Star, and many other proven leadership techniques developed by Mawi Learning, a leadership training organization that has worked with more than one million students. Whether students are struggling or already at the top of their game, Leadership Skills Development will give them new power to create the life of their dreams.

## **LEADERSHIP SKILLS DEVELOPMENT II (.5 CREDIT)**

### **GRADES: 9-12**

Increase your confidence and build your social skills as you learn how to conquer peer pressure, social anxiety, and the unnecessary risks that can derail your future. In this class you'll discover how your "super-charged" teen brain really works, so you can make better decisions and achieve more. As you journey through this course you are inspired and coached by Mawi Asgedom, a Harvard graduate and leadership expert who has trained over one million students.



## **LIFE SKILLS: NAVIGATING ADULTHOOD (.5 CREDIT)**

**GRADES: 9-12**

What do you want out of life? How do you achieve your dreams for the future? These can be difficult questions to answer, but they don't have to be with the right tools. Learn more about yourself and prepare for the future through goal setting, decision making, surviving college and career, and how to become a valuable contributing member of society. It's your life; make it count!

## **PERSONAL & FAMILY FINANCE (.5 CREDIT)**

**GRADES: 9-12**

We all know money is important in life. But how important? In fact, the financial decisions you make today may have a lasting effect on your future. Rather than feeling anxious about money, feel empowered by learning how to make smart decisions! Personal and Family Finance will begin the conversation around how to spend and save your money wisely, investing in safe opportunities and the days ahead. Learning key financial concepts around taxes, credit, and money management will provide both understanding and confidence as you begin to navigate your own route to future security. Discover how education, career choices, and financial planning can lead you in the right direction to making your life simpler, steadier, and more enjoyable.

## **PRINCIPLES OF PUBLIC SERVICE: TO SERVE AND PROTECT (.5 CREDIT)**

**GRADES: 9-12**

Ambulances scream along, heading toward those in need. But who makes sure someone is there to answer the 9-1-1 call? When you take a pill, who has determined that drug is safe for the public? All of these duties are imperative to our comfort and success as a society. Public service is a field that focuses on building a safe and healthy world, and in Principles of Public Service: To Serve and Protect you will be introduced to its many different career choices. The protection of society is not only one of our greatest challenges, but it also provides ways for people to work together to ensure safety and provide indispensable services. If you have ever contemplated being one of these real-life heroes, now is the time to learn more!

## **PUBLIC SPEAKING IA: INTRODUCTION (.5 CREDIT)**

**GRADES: 9-12**

Do you strive to gain more confidence when speaking in front of people? Learn techniques from famous speakers throughout history while learning what it takes to make a great speech. Develop skills that will serve you well throughout your career and personal life.

## **PUBLIC SPEAKING IB: FINDING YOUR VOICE (.5 CREDIT)**

**GRADES: 9-12**

Bring your speeches to life by learning about body language, vocal, and other techniques. Learn about logic and reason while gaining the confidence to help create and deliver great presentations and speeches. You will also critically examine your speeches and presentations and those of others to improve upon your in-person and virtual presentation skills.



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## **STARTUPS AND INNOVATION (.5 CREDIT)**

### **GRADES: 9-12**

Students hear a lot of contradictory advice in life. On one hand, they may hear something like “Follow your dreams. Pursue your passion and the money will come!” On the other hand, they may hear something completely opposite, like “Most startups fail! It’s much safer to get a safe, steady job.” So which side is right? Given the massive changes to the economy and society, the skills of entrepreneurship are going to be critical in building a lasting career. The entrepreneurial mindset of searching for opportunities, creating value, and solving pain points will always be valuable. This mindset applies not just to starting a business, but in any organization that someone is a part of: school, established companies, or non-profits. In this course, students will explore how to use this mindset to create the next world-class startup.

## **WORKPLACE AND INTERNSHIP READINESS: PREPARING FOR WORK & LIFE (.5 CREDIT)**

### **GRADES: 9-12**

Starting your first “real” job can be intimidating. But when you know what to expect and learn how to be successful, you’ll feel confident about the hiring process and prepared to put yourself out there! Discover how to build a well-rounded set of employability and personal leadership skills that allow you to guide your own career. Learn how to communicate with others, take initiative, set goals, problem-solve, research different career options, and envision your own personal career path. Get ready to create a powerful launching pad that will help you blast off into a great first job experience!