



Course Syllabus

COURSE: COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS

Course Title: College & Career Readiness

School Level: Middle School and High School

Course Purpose & Objective:

To be “college and career ready” means more than just pursuing a four-year college degree or getting an entry-level job. College and career readiness signifies a student’s capacity to succeed in whatever pursuit he or she desires.

Description:

Now, more than ever, students are told they must be prepared for higher education or a career in a skilled profession. Gone are the days when the goal of a high school graduate was to enter a traditional four-year college program. In its place are several different pathways that a graduate can take to successfully enter the workforce.

This course introduces students to a variety of educational and vocational opportunities and helps them identify which pathway will help them reach their goals. The content in this course provides instruction on skills essential for students preparing for college and/or a career, including: how to build an effective resume, how to groom and dress in the workplace, the power of networking and how to develop disciplines that lead to success.

Why have 21st-century skills become such a focus for educators, parents and employers? The global economy is rapidly changing, and the educational experience cannot keep up with the pace of the demands in a competitive, knowledge-based, technology-driven society. Students must now develop a level of digital literacy that allows them to compete in an increasingly competitive market.

For most students, developing values, beliefs, attitude, and social awareness are becoming just as important as developing academic abilities. To be college and career ready signifies that the student has developed the capacity to succeed in whatever they choose to do in life.

Course Outcomes:

After completing this course students will be able to:

1. Learn and identify the position or career field that best fits your skills and interests
2. Understand what financial aid options are available for different types of colleges and students
3. Analyze the traits of successful students and employees and identify areas of improvement
4. Identify which life skills you need to learn before you enter college or the workforce

Course Outline:

Unit 1: Life After High School
Unit 2: College & Career Preparation
Unit 3: Starting School & Getting the Job
Unit 4: Tools for Success

Resources Included:

Lessons include various multimedia components (e.g., videos, podcasts, discussions, assignments). Lesson content is embedded directly in the course and can be removed or reordered within the system. No additional costs or materials are needed to complete this course.

Scoring System:

Purpose Prep does not assign letter grades, issue diplomas, or grant credit for courses. A final score will be accessible and can be used by your local school or course facilitator for conversion to your own grading system.

Graded Assignments:

- Lesson Videos
- Check on Learning Quizzes
- Call to Action Assignments
- End of Unit - Written Articles & Responses
- End of Unit - Assessment Quizzes
- End of Unit - Parent Involvement Activities

Course Implementation & Schedule:

This course is comprised of 80 lessons and can be implemented in a single semester, trimester, or a full year of instruction. Courses are flexible and can be offered fully online, hybrid, or whole classroom. Lessons are sequenced purposefully within a unit, to ensure connections between larger ideas and concepts within that unit. However, all units and lessons can be customized into any order that suits the implementation.

Instructional Support Services:

Individual personalized support is provided by the Purpose Prep customer care department at info@purposeprep.com.