Unit 1 Title: Moving On…Transitioning to the High School

Number of Lessons in Unit: 2

Time Required for each lesson: 50 minutes

Best time of year to implement this Unit: second semester

Lesson Titles:
Lesson # 1: Give Yourself Some Credit
   Materials/Special Preparations Required
   District high school level course description book
   High school graduation requirements
   Extracurricular offerings
   Sample completed Personal Plan of Study (Four Year Plan) for all post secondary options
   Pencil/paper or index cards for each student

Lesson # 2: Options and Extras!!! Learn All About It!!!
   Materials/Special Preparations Required – Students will bring the following materials that were distributed during Lesson 1:
   District high school level course description book
   High school graduation requirements
   Extracurricular offerings
   Sample completed Personal Plan of Study (Four Year Plan) for all post secondary options
   Core / Elective Activity Sheet
   Checklist / Short Answer Questionnaire
   Questions about High School Activity Sheet
   Student questions from previous lesson

Missouri Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Big Idea:
AD.5 Applying the Skills of Transitioning Between Educational Levels

Grade Level Expectation (GLE):
AD.5.A.08: Identify the information and skills necessary to transition to high school (DOK Level – 2)

American School Counselor Association National Standard (ASCA):
Academic Development
   A: Students will acquire the attitudes, knowledge and skills contributing to effective learning in school and across the lifespan.

Show Me Standards: Performance Goals (check one or more that apply and identify relevant process standards)
Goal 1: Gather, analyze and apply information and ideas
   6. discover and evaluate patterns and relationships in information, ideas and structures
   8. organize data, information and ideas into useful forms (including charts, graphs, outlines) for analysis or presentation

Goal 2: Communicate effectively within and beyond the classroom

Goal 3: Recognize and solve problems

Goal 4: Make decisions and act as responsible members of society
   5. develop, monitor and revise plans of action to meet deadlines and accomplish goals
   8. explore, prepare for and seek educational and job opportunities

This lesson supports the development of skills in the following academic content areas.

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Unit Essential Questions:
How do you feel about new experiences?

Unit Measurable Learning Objectives:
The student will identify five skills necessary to transition to high school.

The student will list three questions they have about high school based on the results of their checklist.

The student will confirm their understanding of graduation requirements, credits, core classes, and electives, and GPA by completing the Moving On Checklist.

The student will list five extra-curricular activities they are interested in.

The student will list three questions they have about high school based on the results of their checklist.

Unit Instructional Strategies/Instructional Activities:

| X Direct (Structured Overview; Lecture; Compare & Contrast) |
| X Indirect (Inquiry; Writing to Inform; Concept Formation) |
| Experiential                                               |
| X Independent Study (Homework)                            |
| X Interactive Instruction (Discussion; Think, Pair, Share) |

Unit Summative Assessment (acceptable evidence):
Assessment should relate to the performance outcome for goals, objectives and GLE. Assessment can be question answer, performance activity, etc.

*Checklist/Short Answer Questionnaire* (Found in Lesson 2)

True, active assessment will take place during the development of the Personal Educational Plan. The development of the Personal Plan of Study (Four Year Plan) will take place after both lessons are presented. It is advised that the counselor meet with each student individually to develop and/or finalize each student’s Personal Educational Plan.

**Brief Summary of Unit:**
Students will explore the similarities and differences between middle and high school and they will be introduced to a variety of high school concepts such as: academic credits, the differences between core and elective credits, the number of credits needed for promotion, extracurricular offerings, and the meaning of grade point average and how it correlates with credits and participation in extracurricular activities.

**What prior knowledge do students need (e.g. the steps to solving a problem) to be successful in this unit?**
Students will need to know the elements of planning for future (e.g.: goal-setting), how to complete the selected graphic organizer, the local organizational structure of middle school and high school (e.g.: block scheduling). They will need to have heard information about high school from other sources.