

**Unit #3 Title:** Conflict Resolution—I am part of the Solution!      **Grade Level:** 6-8

**Number of lessons in unit:** 4

**Time required for each lesson:** 30- 50 Minutes

**Best time of year to implement this unit:** Anytime

**Lesson Titles:**

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Lesson # 1: My Problem...Your Problem...Our Problem

Materials/Special Preparations Required:

    Wrapped food item

*How Am I Responsible?* Activity Sheet for visual display

    SMART board or other visual display

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Lesson # 2: “Re-Solutioning”: Practice Brings Out Our Best

Materials/Special Preparations Required:

*How Am I Responsible?* Activity Sheet

    3x5 Index cards in three colors

    Scrap paper

    Video equipment

*How Did We Do – As a Team? (Group Assessment of Process)*

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Lesson # 3: My Conflict Shield

Materials/Special Preparations Required:

    Note cards cut in half, with the names of famous couples (people or characters) that had conflicts (Romeo/Juliet, Prince Charles/Princess Diana, etc.)

    Wrapped candy

    Blank paper which students will fold into thirds

    Blank paper for conflict shield

    Colored Pencils/markers

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Lesson # 4: Put Yourself in Check

Materials/Special Preparations Required:

*Put Yourself in Check* Worksheet

**Missouri Comprehensive School Counseling Big Idea:**

SE.2: Interacting With Others in Ways That Respect Individual and Group Differences

**Grade Level Expectations (GLEs):**

SE.2C.06: Apply problem-solving and conflict-resolution skills to new challenges. (DOK: Level - 4 )

SE.2.C.07: Practice problem-solving and conflict-resolution skills. (DOK: Level - 2 )

SE.2.C.08: Exhibit an awareness of personal responsibility in conflict situations. (DOK: Level 2)

**American School Counselor Association (ASCA) Mindsets and Behaviors:**  
Social/Emotional Development

**Show Me Standards: Performance Goals (check one or more that apply)**

X	<p>Goal 1: gather, analyze and apply information and ideas</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Comprehend and evaluate written, visual and oral presentations and works</li> <li>6. Discover and evaluate patterns and relationships in information, ideas and structures</li> <li>8. Organize data, information and ideas into useful forms (including charts, graphs, outlines) for analysis or presentation</li> </ol>
X	<p>Goal 2: communicate effectively within and beyond the classroom</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Plan and make written, oral and visual presentations for a variety of purposes and audiences</li> <li>2. Review and revise communications to improve accuracy and clarity</li> <li>3. Exchange information, questions and ideas while recognizing the perspectives of others</li> </ol>
X	<p>Goal 3: recognize and solve problems</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify problems and define their scope and elements</li> <li>2. Develop and apply strategies based on ways others have prevented or solved problems</li> <li>3. Develop and apply strategies based on one's own experience in preventing or solving problems</li> <li>4. Evaluate the processes used in recognizing and solving problems</li> <li>6. Examine problems and proposed solutions from multiple perspectives</li> <li>7. Evaluate the extent to which a strategy addresses the problem</li> </ol>
X	<p>Goal 4: make decisions and act as responsible members of society</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Explain reasoning and identify information used to support decisions</li> <li>3. Analyze the duties and responsibilities of individuals in societies</li> <li>4. Recognize and practice honesty and integrity in academic work and in the workplace</li> </ol>

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

Academic Content Area(s)	Specific Skill(s)
X Communication Arts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Speaking and writing standard English</li> <li>4. Writing formally and informally.</li> <li>5. Comprehending and evaluating the content and artistic aspects of oral and visual presentations</li> <li>6. Participating in formal and informal presentations and discussions of issues and ideas</li> </ol>
Mathematics	
X Social Studies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Relationships of the individual and groups to institutions and cultural traditions</li> </ol>

	Science	
	Health/Physical Education	
X	Fine Arts	1. Process and techniques for the production, exhibition or performance of one or more of the visual or performed arts

**Unit Essential Questions:**

Why do I need to take responsibility?

**Unit Measurable Learning Objectives:**

The student will apply concepts of personal responsibility to at least two scenarios.  
 The student will write and perform one scenario demonstrating conflict resolution skills.  
 The student will create a *conflict shield* which lists 12 skills most useful in conflict resolution and identify the skills they are “excellent” in using.  
 The student will list feelings and reactions of one recent conflict and determine if the reaction was appropriate or inappropriate.

**Unit Instructional Strategies/Instructional Activities:**

- Direct (Structured Interview; Guided & Sharing – reading, listening, viewing, thinking)
- Indirect (Problem Solving; Reflective Discussion; Concept Formation; Concept Mapping; Concept Attainment)
- Experiential (Simulations; Storytelling; Focused Imaging; Role Playing)
- Independent Study
- Interactive Instruction (Role Playing; Brainstorming; Discussion; Think, Pair, Share; Cooperative Learning; Problem Solving)

**Unit Summative Assessment (acceptable evidence):**

**Summative assessment should relate to the performance outcome for goals, objectives and GLEs. Assessment can be question answer, performance activity, etc.**

Students will complete a variety of worksheets and perform a variety of role-play situations to assess their understanding and ability to demonstrate accepting responsibility in conflict situations.

**Brief Summary of Unit:**

Students will begin to be able to identify challenges and conflicts that arise as such. They will practice how to stop and think about what is happening, the consequences, and preferred ways of handling the situation. They will identify their strengths and weaknesses and focus on building their strengths and maturing into young adults with sufficient and appropriate conflict-resolution skills.

**Student Prior Knowledge: 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 steps to solving a problem learned in the elementary grades in order to be successful. Students will also need to know what the definition of conflict is.

