

**Course Description:****Social/Emotional Development**

The units in Social/Emotional Development are designed to assist students in developing the knowledge and skills to be productive and respectful citizens in a global society. The units focus on self-understanding, diversity, respect, and personal social and safety skills. The three major areas covered in Social/Emotional Development are:

**Understanding self as an individual and as a member of diverse local and global communities.**

**Major Points:** The content of this area is designed to help students in grades K-12 know and understand themselves and their roles as contributing members of society. Emphasis is placed on personal characteristics and the roles and responsibilities of each individual. Students will gain knowledge that leads to the recognition and understanding of the interrelationship of thoughts, feelings and actions in students' daily lives. Learning includes knowledge that contributes to an understanding of the importance of each person in his or her extended (global) as well as immediate community (e.g. family, classroom, school, city or town) and each person's role and inter-relatedness with all other people of the world.

**Interacting with others in ways that respect individual and group differences.**

**Major Points:** This area focuses on helping students in grades K-12 know, understand and respect others in order to develop and maintain quality relationships. The learning includes developing an understanding of the similarities and differences of others and ways these similarities and differences contribute to working together in our diverse world. Students will learn about their roles in advocating for respect for all human beings.

**Applying personal safety skills and coping strategies.**

**Major Points:** Physical and psychological safety and healthy personal coping skills are emphasized in the content this area. The learning is based on the premise that young people are vulnerable. They are vulnerable to the pressure of peers to engage in unhealthy behaviors. They are vulnerable to harassment, sexual abuse or physical abuse. In addition, they are vulnerable to expected and unexpected life events (e.g. a new sibling or the death of a parent). In each situation, external influences interact with individual factors as the young person makes decisions and choices about how to respond. The emphasis is on developing within each student the ability to advocate for self. The knowledge and skills include the ability to recognize the warning signs of external and internal threats to the personal safety of self and others. Students will learn a variety of methods for seeking help when an external threat to health or safety exists, when an internal conflict threatens his or her well-being (e.g. suicidal thoughts) or when a life situation requires a new way of coping. Learning includes how to respond to personal concerns as well as the needs of peers.

<p><b>UNIT DESCRIPTION: Decisions, Decisions, Decisions!</b></p> <p>Students will review problem-solving skills learned in elementary grades. They will then utilize decision-making skills applied to problematic social situations. Refusal skills practice will be emphasized at the 7<sup>th</sup>-grade level and finally, students will look at a variety of problematic situations for which they will brainstorm potential solutions. This unit contains three lessons and it is intended that one lesson will be presented in each grade level 6, 7, and 8. Please note that the lessons build on each other.</p>		<p><b>SUGGESTED UNIT TIMELINE:</b> 3 Lessons  <b>CLASS PERIOD (min.):</b> 50 minutes each</p>				
<p><b>ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:</b></p> <p>1. What is the cost of making poor decisions?</p>						
ESSENTIAL MEASURABLE LEARNING OBJECTIVES	CCSS LEARNING GOALS (Anchor Standards/Clusters)	CROSSWALK TO STANDARDS				
		GLEs/CLEs	PS	CCSS	OTHER ASCA	DOK
<p>1. The student will write a reflection to solve one problem by outlining each of the decision making steps.</p>		<p>SE.3.A.06: Identify problem-solving, decision-making and refusal skills needed to make safe/healthy choices in social situations.</p>			SE	Level 2
		<p>SE.3.A.07: Utilize effective problem-solving, decision-making, and</p>				Level 4

		refusal skills needed to make safe/healthy choices in social situations.  SE.3.A.08: Recognize peer influence on risk-taking behaviors and consequences.				Level 2
2. The student will role play one situation in which he/she will need to say no. She/he will discuss how it felt to say no and write a brief reflection about the experience.		SE.3.A.06 SE.3.A.07 PS.3.A.08			SE	Level 2 Level 4 Level 2
3. The student will demonstrate the six steps to effective problem solving in response to at least one problem scenario presented by the counselor.		SE.3.A.06 SE.3.A.07 SE.3.A.08			SE	Level 2 Level 4 Level 2
<b>ASSESSMENT DESCRIPTIONS:</b>						
Students will respond orally to reflection pieces and observations with regard to decision-making, problem-solving and refusal skills.						
<b>Obj. #</b>	<b>INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES (research-based): (Teacher Methods)</b>					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indirect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Experiential <input type="checkbox"/> Independent study <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interactive Instruction					
1	See Lessons: 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Lesson 1: Opportunity Knocks, But It Costs, Too!					

2	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Lesson 2: Give In or Not to Give In				
3	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Lesson 3: If It's to Be, It's Up to Me				
<b>Obj. #</b>	<b>INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES: (What Students Do)</b>				
	See Lessons:				
1	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Lesson 1: Opportunity Knocks, But It Costs, Too!				
2	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Lesson 2: Give In or Not to Give In				
3	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Lesson 3: If It's to Be, It's Up to Me				
	<u><b>Direct:</b></u> <input type="checkbox"/> Structured Overview <input type="checkbox"/> Lecture <input type="checkbox"/> Explicit Teaching <input type="checkbox"/> Drill & Practice <input type="checkbox"/> Compare & Contrast <input type="checkbox"/> Didactic Questions <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guided & Shared - reading, listening, viewing, thinking (Ls. 2, 3)	<u><b>Indirect:</b></u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Problem Solving (Ls. 1, 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Case Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Reading for Meaning <input type="checkbox"/> Inquiry <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reflective Discussion (Ls. 1, 2, 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Writing to Inform (Ls. 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concept Formation (Ls. 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Concept Mapping <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concept Attainment (Ls. 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Cloze Procedure	<u><b>Experiential:</b></u> <input type="checkbox"/> Field Trips <input type="checkbox"/> Narratives <input type="checkbox"/> Conducting Experiments <input type="checkbox"/> Simulations <input type="checkbox"/> Games <input type="checkbox"/> Storytelling <input type="checkbox"/> Focused Imaging <input type="checkbox"/> Field Observations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Role-playing (Ls. 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Model Building <input type="checkbox"/> Surveys	<u><b>Independent Study</b></u> <input type="checkbox"/> Essays <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Assisted Instruction <input type="checkbox"/> Journals <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Logs <input type="checkbox"/> Reports <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Activity Packages <input type="checkbox"/> Correspondence Lessons <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Homework <input type="checkbox"/> Research Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Assigned Questions <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Centers	<u><b>Interactive Instruction</b></u> <input type="checkbox"/> Debates <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Role Playing (Ls. 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Panels <input type="checkbox"/> Brainstorming <input type="checkbox"/> Peer Partner Learning <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion (Ls. 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory Groups <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Think, Pair, Share (Ls. 2, 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Cooperative Learning <input type="checkbox"/> Jigsaw <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Problem Solving (Ls. 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Structured Controversy <input type="checkbox"/> Tutorial Groups <input type="checkbox"/> Interviewing <input type="checkbox"/> Conferencing
<b>UNIT RESOURCES: (include internet addresses for linking)</b>					
Common Core State Standards (CCSS), accessed May 17, 2013, from <a href="http://www.corestandards.org/">http://www.corestandards.org/</a>					
ASCA National Standards for Students (ASCA), accessed June 11, 2013, from <a href="http://static.pdesas.org/content/documents/ASCA_National_Standards_for_Students.pdf">http://static.pdesas.org/content/documents/ASCA_National_Standards_for_Students.pdf</a>					