

JUNE LESSON

ASCA Standards: A:A3 Achieve school success, A:A1 Improve academic self concept, A:B2 Plan to achieve goals

6th Grade Careers Introduction to Course Mapping and Planning

Purpose: The purpose of this lesson is to introduce the Middle School Course Map to students. They will be able to see the choices they have in middle school and how the choices they make will impact both their success in middle school AND their class choices in High School.

Introduction: Explain to students that in 7th grade, they will learn more about the importance of school and have a chance to explore different careers in more depth.

Materials Needed: Overheads of Middle School Course Maps and/or in-focus projector (PowerPoint available for this lesson).

Lesson: Start the lesson by reviewing the Middle School Course Map Examples (using the overhead examples or an in focus) with students. Explain the different levels for each class and the ways in which students are placed/scheduled into classes i.e. test scores, teacher recommendations. Explain how students can earn high school credit for Washington State History, Algebra, and Geometry. Explain that as students approach high school, the farther over to the right of the course map that they are, the more choices they may have when they enter high school.

Next: Hand out a Middle School Course Map to each student (the district is in the process of attaching the Middle School Course Map to Bridges and you can have students fill it in electronically if you do this lesson in the computer lab). Brainstorm with the class other ways students can improve their learning and possibly move up a level.

Next: Have students put their MS Course Map in their MSLP collection folder. They will add to this Course Map in 7th grade.