

PETERS TOWNSHIP MIDDLE SCHOOL

COURSE SYLLABUS: GOAL 8

Course Information	Teacher Information
<u>Course Length:</u> 30 days	<u>Name:</u> Dr. Conkle

Course Overview and Essential Skills

This course will provide students an opportunity to start planning for a healthy adulthood. Course content will focus on: communication skills, decision-making, family roles, career preparation, and financial literacy. Students will utilize My Career Journey, a virtual interactive online software program, which allows students to connect their skills and preferences with possible appropriate careers and career clusters. Students will be able to produce a career portfolio, as well as, research and prepare a presentation on a career of their interest. Junior Achievement “It’s Your Future” sessions will also be part of the course.

Course Textbook, Supplemental Resources and Required Materials

- Study guides for each unit
- Glencoe Health online modules
- My Career Journey online program – www.smartfutures.org
- Financial Literacy 101 online program – www.smartfutures.org
- Junior Achievement: “It’s My Future” kit/online modules
- Video clip for public speaking: Ted Talk “Your Body Language Shapes Who You Are” – Amy Cuddy - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ks-Mh1QhMc&list=PLqU1y-7uPYvTDcq8SK2fCFuSn4HvUyZW1>
- Binders, folders, notebooks, writing utensils, materials for each unit of study

Course Outline of Material Covered:

Unit or Topic	Course Activities/Resources	Timeframe
Human Development	In this unit, students will examine the typical stages of human development while emphasizing the major tasks mastered at each stage of the human life cycle. Resources: Human Development outline, Glencoe online module (object permanence)	One Week
Families	In this unit, students review the types of families, identify the importance of healthy families, and analyze family member roles. Resources: Families study guide	One Week

Communication	This unit will explore strategies for healthy communication, including I-statements. Public speaking will also be a focus of this unit. Resources: Communication study guide, Ted Talk video clip	One Week
Decision-making	This unit will review the decision-making process. Students will also work through common teen decision-making scenarios. Resources: Decision-making study guide, Glencoe Health online module (teen brain)	One Week
Junior Achievement	Through the use of Junior Achievement community volunteers, the unit will introduce students to various concepts related to future careers: personal brand, career clusters, in demand careers, career mapping, job search strategies, skills for obtaining and keeping a job. Resources: Junior Achievement "It's My Future" kit and online modules	One Week
Financial Literacy	This unit will use the Financial Literacy 101 program to introduce concepts related to financial literacy – budgeting, credit, financial planning, banking, and check writing. Resources: www.smartfutures.org	One Week
My Career Journey	This unit will use the My Career Journey program to explore various careers which match individual students' skills, interests, values, and personality characteristics. The unit will finish with a student-created presentation on a chosen career. Resources: www.smartfutures.org	Three Weeks

****Depending on the needs of the class or changes in the school year, the course outline is subject to change.***