Unit Title: Grade 6 Life Skills - Unit 1: Mastering Middle School

Stage 1: Desired Results

Standards & Indicators:

New Jersey Student Learning Standards:

6.1.P.D.4 Learn about and respect other cultures within the classroom and community.

CRP8. Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.

9.2.4.A.2 Identify various life roles and civic and work-related activities in the school, home, and community.

2.4.6.A.2 Analyze the characteristics of healthy friendships and other relationships.

2.4.6.A.4 Demonstrate successful resolution of a problem(s) among friends and in other relationships.

RI.6.4. Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings.

RI.6.7. Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue

W.6.2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

W.6.7. Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.

NJSLSA.SL1. Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively

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Technology Standards:

8.1.8.A.4 Graph and calculate data within a spreadsheet and present a summary of the results

8.1.8.D.1 Understand and model appropriate online behaviors related to cyber safety, cyber bullying, cyber security, and cyber ethics including appropriate use of social media

8.2.8.A.2 Examine a system, consider how each part relates to other parts, and discuss a part to redesign to improve the system

Central Idea / Enduring Understanding:

Following/Understanding Middle School Schedule Expectations of classes and teachers

Care and responsibility of iPads

Lockers/transitioning between classes

Understanding my IEP modifications and accommodations

Essential/Guiding Question:

- How do I understand my schedule?
- How do I organize materials for each class and teacher?
- What are ways to exhibit positive behaviors in all classes (including lunch, electives)?
- How do I communicate with all of my teachers?

	 How do I manage a locker and identify all of my materials? Where are the important places in the building? What is the proper way to care for my iPad (on the bus, at home, and school) How can I self advocate and identify my modifications and accommodations? 		
Content:	Skills(Objectives):		
Middle School Schedule	Understanding periods and classes. Identifying teachers		
Binders/Online Organization (Google Classroom)	Develop an organizational system for classes Understand the use of online classrooms/communication		
Positive Social Behaviors	Develop positive interpersonal skills with peers Understand behavioral expectations within the school setting.		
Lockers/Map of Building	Demonstrate how to use personal locker Develop an organizational system to manage materials Navigate throughout the building and identify locations throughout the building		
iPad Care/Responsibility Understanding Modifications and Accommodations	Identify proper care and responsibility for iPads Understand individual modifications and accommodations Identify positive ways to self advocate for assistance or modifications and accommodations.		
21st Century Themes: (Check all that apply) X Global Awareness X Environmental Literacy X Health Literacy Civic Literacy Financial, Economic, Business, and Entrepreneurial Literacy	21st Century Skills: X Creativity and Innovation X Critical Thinking and Problem Solving X Communication X Collaboration		

Stage 2: Assessment Evidence

Performance Task(s): Other Evidence: Worksheets Posters Performance Task 1: Observations · Students will successfully follow their schedule Projects Task Analysis Role Play o Structured Observations Community Exploration Self Assessment Performance Task 2 • Students will understand expectations of middle school (academically, socially, behaviorally,etc) o Role Play Task Analysis Structured Observations Performance Task 3 · Students will understand their individual learning needs o Role Play o Task Analysis

- o Direct Instruction
- Creation of Modification/Accommodation
 Card
- o Structured Observations

Stage 3: Learning Plan

Learning Opportunities/Strategies:

Understanding the Schedule

- Peer Mentors Mentors will be assigned to students to help guide them through the school and help them identify where all of their classes are located.
- Direct Instruction

Understanding Expectations:

- Visual Cues Locker Card Students will be provided with visual instructions on how to open their locker, with the combination written under each picture.
- Student Checklist to Self Monitor Behavior in Classes

 a checklist with the clear expectations of the classes.

 Students will use the checklist at the end of classes to ensure they were on task.
- Student Checklist to Self Monitor Ipad Responsibilities

 Students will have a checklist with their iPad
 responsibilities, which may include making sure it is charged as well as that it is in the case. At the end of each day the students will use the checklist to see if they were on target.

Understanding my Individual Needs

course packet with

- Students will read and identify their IEP with teacher guidance to identify and understand their classification
- Modification/Accommodations Cards The teacher will individually go through modifications provided in different setting.
- Students will then create their own personal reference card about their individual modifications.

Resources:

Instructional Videos
Teacher Made Checklist
CST and Guidance
N2Y

Differentiation					
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- A personalized course packet with individualized remediation or enrichment materials.
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- 6. Allow extra time on assessments
- Provide study guides Weekly conference to set short term goals

- 3. Vary grouping arrangements: small, large, and individual.
- 4. Technology to assist students with a language barrier or students that struggle with handwriting.
- 5. Assist with organizing classroom materials.
- 6. Provide frequent reviews of current concepts and information taught

Unit Title: Grade 6 - Life Skills: Unit 2: Responsible Use of Social Media

Stage 1: Desired Results

Standards & Indicators:

NJSLS English Language Arts Standards

- RI.6.2. Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
- RI.6.3. Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
- RI.6.4. Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings.
- **RI.6.7.** Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
- RI.6.8. Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not.
- RI.6.10. By the end of the year read and comprehend literary nonfiction at grade level text-complexity or above, with scaffolding as needed.
- **W.6.4.** Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, voice and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
- **W.6.6.** Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing as well as to interact and collaborate with others; demonstrate sufficient command of keyboarding skills to type a minimum of three pages in a single sitting.
- **W.6.10.** Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, metacognition/self correction, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
- **SL.6.1.** Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
- A. Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
- B. Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
- C. Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
- D. Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
- **SL.6.2.** Interpret information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and explain how it contributes to a topic, text, or issue under study
- **SL.6.5.** Include multimedia components (e.g., graphics, images, music, sound) and visual displays in presentations to clarify information.
- **SL.6.6.** Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.
- **L.6.6.** Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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Technology Standards:

8.1.8.D.1 Understand and model appropriate online behaviors related to cyber safety, cyber bullying, cyber security, and cyber ethics including appropriate use of social media.

8.1.8.D.4 Assess the credibility and accuracy of digital content.

8.1.8.D.5 Understand appropriate uses for social media and the negative consequences of misuse.

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Central Idea / Enduring Understanding:	Essential/Guiding Question:		
Advocate and practice safe, legal, and	What is the place of digital media in our lives?		
responsible use of information and technology.	How do you judge the intentions and impact of		
Exhibit leadership for digital citizenship.	people's words and actions online?		
	How should you handle inappropriate online talk?		
	What is a digital footprint, and what does yours		
	convey?		
	When does inappropriate online behavior cross the		
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	line into cyberbullying, and what can you do about it?		
Content:	Skills(Objectives):		
Media	Learn about the 24/7, social nature of digital media.		
Digital Media	Explore our digital lives.		
Simile	Learn it is important to act responsibly when carrying		
Bystander	out relationships over digital media.		
Upstander	Reflect on what it means to be brave and stand up for		
Empathize	others offline and online.		
Opportunity	Learn to show empathy for those who have been		
Pitfall	cyberbullied.		
Inappropriate	Generate multiple solutions for helping others when		
Risky	cyberbullying occurs.		
• Harass	Describe positive aspects of online talking and		
Digital Footprint	messaging.		
• Imagery	Identify situations in which flirting and chatting become		
Persistent	inappropriate and risky.		
Invisible Audience	Understand rules for safe online messaging, and feel		
Deceiving	empowered to deal with uncomfortable situations		
• Flaming	when communicating online.		
Hate Speech	Learn everyone has a digital footprint and information		
	from it can be searched, copied and passed on, and		
	seen by a large, invisible audience, and can be		
	persistent.		

- Recognize people's online information can be helpful or harmful to their reputation and image.
- Consider our own digital footprints and what we want those footprints to be like in the future.
- Analyze online bullying behaviors that "cross the line."
- Learn about the various ways that students can be cyberbullied, including flaming, deceiving, and harassing.
- Adopt the point of view of teens who have been cyberbullied, and offer solutions.

21st Century Themes: (Check all that apply)

- x Global Awareness
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- x Clvic Literacy
- ☐ Financial, Economic, Business, and Entrepreneurial Literacy

21st Century Skills:

- x Creativity and Innovation
- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- x Communication
- x Collaboration

Stage 2: Assessment Evidence

Performance Task(s):

Digital Life 101 Similes

Digital Life 101 Assessment

Why Care? Student Handout

Cyberbullying: Be Upstanding Assessment

Internet Traffic Light Student Handout

Safe Online Talk Assessment

Choose a Host Student Handout

Trillion Dollar Footprint Assessment

Cyberbullying: Crossing the Line Discussion Guide

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Other Evidence:

Worksheets

Posters

Observations

Projects

Role Play

Stage 3: Learning Plan

Learning Opportunities/Strategies:

Digital Life 101

Students are introduced to the 24/7, social nature of digital media and technologies, and gain basic vocabulary and knowledge for discussing the media landscape.

Students watch the video "Digital Life 101 Animation," which shows the 24/7, social nature of digital media — a change from the media consumption culture of the past. They then make similes about their digital lives and learn that because media connect us in more social and interactive ways than ever before, it is important to carry out online relationships responsibly. This lesson also serves as an assessment baseline for teachers to gain a better understanding of their students' familiarity with digital media and vocabulary associated with digital life.

Cyberbuilying: Be Upstanding

Students learn about the difference between being a passive bystander versus a brave upstander in cyberbullying situations.

Resources:

CommonSenseMedia.org -

https://www.commonsensemedia.org/educators

Digital Life 101 Lesson Plan -

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Digital Life 101 Animation -

https://www.commonsensemedia.org/tlr-ui/modal-collection-video/355686

Digital Life 101 Video Discussion Guide -

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d_6-8_digitallife101.pdf

Cyberbullying: Be Upstanding Lesson Plan -

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<u>pdf</u>

Students reflect on what it means to be brave and to stand up for others. They fill out the **Why Care? Student Handout**, create a **diagram** of the players involved, and generate ideas about how bystanders can become upstanders. They then identify concrete solutions for dealing with cyberbullying situations.

Safe Online Talk

While acknowledging the benefits of online talk and messaging, students consider scenarios in which they may feel uncomfortable, or may encounter inappropriate behavior on the Internet. Students first watch a short video in which teens share their rules of the road for connecting with others online. Through a guided class discussion, students then learn strategies for recognizing and responding to risky online interaction. Finally, students work in groups to rate the riskiness of several online scenarios using the Internet Traffic Light Student Handout.

Trillion Dollar Footprint

Students learn that they have a digital footprint, which can be searched, shared, and seen by a large, invisible audience. Students then learn that they can take some control over their digital footprint based on what they post online. Students watch the video "The Digital Footprint" to learn how information online can easily get out of one's control. They then examine the blog posts, photos, and profiles of two fictional host applicants for a TV show called "Trillion Dollar Footprint" and decide which would make a more honest host who works well with others (Choose a Host). A key message of the lesson is that although online information provides an incomplete picture of a person, it can still affect how others view that person.

Cyberbullying: Crossing the Line

Students learn to distinguish good-natured teasing from cyberbullying. Students learn about serious forms of cyberbullying. Students watch the video "Stacey's Story – When Rumors Escalate," a documentary-style story in which a girl reflects on what it was like to be the target of cyberbullying. Students then discuss the video and related case studies in the Cyberbullying: Crossing the Line Discussion Guide.

Safe Online Talk Lesson Plan -

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Perspectives on Chatting Safely Online Video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MmfiHdQ4Wfs
Perspectives on Chatting Safely Online Video Discussion Guide -

https://d2e111jq13me73.cloudfront.net/sites/default/files/edu-v d 6-8 perspectiveonchattingsafelyonline.pdf

Trillion Dollar Footprint Lesson Plan -

https://d2e111jq13me73.cloudfront.net/sites/default/files/uploads/classroom-curriculum/6-8-unit3-trilliondollarfootprint.pdf
Digital Footprint Video -

https://d1pmarobgdhgjx.cloudfront.net/education/ED_digital-footprint.mp4

Digital Footprint Video Discussion Guide -

https://d2e111jq13me73.cloudfront.net/sites/default/files/edu-v d 6-8 digitalfootprint.pdf

Cyberbullying: Crossing the Line Lesson Plan - https://d2e111jq13me73.cloudfront.net/sites/default/files/uploads/classroom-curriculum/6-8-unit3-cyberbullyingcrossingtheline

Stacey's Story — When Rumors Escalate Online Video - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hWdjwl9rgcE
Stacey's Story — When Rumors Escalate Online Video Discussion Guide -

https://d2e111jq13me73.cloudfront.net/sites/default/files/edu-vd_6-8_staceysstorywhenrumorsescalate.pdf
Cyberbullying: What's Crossing the Line? Online Video https://d2e111jq13me73.cloudfront.net/sites/default/files/cyberbullying-whats crossing the line rebrand 2014.mp4

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