



# FRESHMAN SUCCESS SYLLABUS

**Program:** Freshman Success

**Grade Level:** 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

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## **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Freshman Success is a Edgenuity course that introduces students to a variety of career fields. This course is designed to assist students envision a future that is productive, achievable, and stimulating. It also assists the students recognize the value of education while motivating them to challenge themselves and strive for higher achievement. By the end of the course, students will understand the career planning process, become career-focused, develop a personalized 4-year plan and possess the skills, aptitudes, and attitudes needed to successfully transition into high school, post-secondary education and/or training, the workforce, and adulthood. Also, students will develop some technology skills that will help them be successful within their four years of school and beyond.

## **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

When you finish this course, you will be able to:

- Identify the different career choices within a variety of fields
- Determine the skills needed to work in a variety of fields
- List the steps needed to prepare for a career in a variety of fields
- Develop the confidence to transition to a high school setting and become a successful student

## **9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TRANSITION PROGRAM: *WHY DO IT? WHAT IS IT?***

In general, there is a decline in student achievement following any school transition. **Academic failure during the transition to high school is directly linked to the probability of dropping out of high school.** According to studies, 60% of the students who eventually dropped out of high school failed at least ¼ of their ninth-grade courses. School districts across the country are finding the best way to address this issue is by creating 9<sup>th</sup> grade courses. Freshman Success/9<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition Program bridges the worlds of middle school and high school.

## **How is High School Different?**

- Credit: Students **MUST** pass a class to receive a credit towards graduation.
- Promotion: In order to be promoted to the 10<sup>th</sup> grade, students must earn 4 credits.
- Failure: If a student fails a core academic course, he/she **MUST** re-take (and pass) the course in order to graduate.

- College Entrance Exams: Students must prepare for college: this includes the skills and knowledge required to pass college entrance exams such as the ACT or the SAT.

### **HOW WILL YOU BE GRADED...**

**Scholastic Grade: You will be graded in Edgenuity based on Assignments, journal entries, projects and quizzes with a final exam at the end of the quarter.**