

MIDDLE SCHOOL CAREER COURSE

WHAT'S NEW FOR 2007-2008?

- The new career exploration course may be taken in either seventh or eighth grade. It should be completed no later than the end of the first semester of the student's eighth grade year. The course may be delivered as a stand alone, one-semester course or embedded in a variety of other State-approved courses. There are currently more than 20 approved host classes where the critical strands may be delivered. These include Band, Chorus, Peer Counseling and the Arts. The entire list includes delivery in some core courses such as mathematics and intensive reading. The potential exists to deliver the strands across disciplines. FLDOE is developing a parallel o the SBBC initiative, so we are in all likelihood ahead of the curve.
- Core Curriculum is developing 90 discreet lesson plans so foundational material will be available to schools. Lesson plans that meet the 33 core strands are also being developed to allow them to be embedded into an existing class. The lesson plans along with a training model and delivery system will be developed in accordance with existing technologies. A teacher could deliver the lessons or the student could access lessons electronically. A monitored on-line discussion board might be one component of the teacher–student and student-student communication plan.
- The target completion date is May 1, 2007 with training to be offered prior to the start of the 2007-08 school year.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO?

- Develop an understanding of this State requirement
- Plan to participate in upcoming training(s)
- Review the list of acceptable courses where the 33 strands may be embedded and align to your master schedule
- Identify a lead person to facilitate the mandate

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU DON'T?

- You will be out of compliance with State statute.
- Students will not receive the credit necessary to move on to high school.

WHO NEEDS TO KNOW?

- Administration and Guidance Staff
- Faculty
- Parents and Students

HOW WILL YOU COMMUNICATE FOLLOW-UP?

- The school must use the identified course numbers in order for the students to receive appropriate credit for completion. Student's schedules will be checked for compliance.

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