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To: USD 261 Board of Education & Dr. John Burke

From: Jennifer Reed, Curriculum & Assessment Coordinator

Re: USD 261 Study Skills Curriculum

Date: December 19, 2016

**History/Relevance:** This comes directly from the strategic plan and is listed as, "Design and implement a PreK-12 Study Skills curriculum." Not only does this align language and content between all grade levels in the district, but it also ties to the Kansas Can vision of a successful high school graduate.

**What:** We are asking for approval to implement the attached Study Skills Curriculum PreK-12.

**Why:** Students need more than academic work to be successful. They need to be taught organizational skills, good study habits, communication and self-advocacy. This curriculum will help our students not only increase their academics, but also teach them skills that will help them beyond graduation.

**Where:** This curriculum will be available to all students in the district.

**When:** The curriculum will be available to buildings second semester in the 2016-2017 school year. This will be a working document where we continue to build resources as we implement.

**How:** Once the curriculum is approved, the study skills team will meet to add resources and provide training to the staff.

**Who:** All district certified staff members will receive training to implement the study skills curriculum.

**How much:** The Study Skills Curriculum will not require any funding.

**Note:** There are some minor formatting changes from the original document submitted.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Reed".

Jennifer Reed

Pre-K

- Follows single step instructions
- Correctly responds to name when called
- Looks at speaker
- Maintains eye contact when responding to a question or during a conversation
- Requests need for help as appropriate
- Establishes a routine at home (time & place) for homework or suggested activities from Pre-K teachers
- Brings backpack and daily/weekly folder (communication tool) to school
- Identifies a problem and a goal
- Distinguishes between different Essential Questions (who, what, when, where, why, how)
- Participates in construction of Social Contract

## Kindergarten

- Follows 2-3 step instructions
- Does not interrupt others that are speaking
- Controls activity level to maintain focus on the speaker
- Makes requests from others to fill specific needs
- Explores homework environment preferences for routine at home
- Prepares backpack the night before
- Identifies problem solving steps:
  - Plan
  - Do
  - Review
- Summarizes Essential Questions using illustrations
- Identifies steps to achieve a goal when teacher presents an objective
- Uses Social Contract in everyday interactions

1<sup>st</sup> Grade

- Correctly responds to individual and group instructions
- Uses appropriate volume level in a variety of settings
- Uses cues to demonstrate that he/she is paying attention
- Asks appropriate questions for clarification
- Gathers/Determines appropriate tools to complete homework tasks
- Manages subject folders/notebooks (Reading and Math only)
- Identifies problem solving steps within a context
  - Plan
  - Do
  - Review
- Completes teacher-generated notes pages by filling in the blank
- Determines steps to achieve a goal when teacher presents an objective
- Uses Social Contract in everyday interactions

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

- Recognizes feelings or specific needs and identifies adults who can help at home or school
- Initiates conversations with others
- Demonstrates open posture when communicating
- Communicates feelings or specific needs and identifies adults who can help at home or school
- Recognizes and communicates daily homework to parents
- Manages subject folders/notebooks (all core subjects)
- Uses problem solving steps to solve simple problems
  - Plan
  - Do
  - Review
- Begins note-taking process using 2-5 bullets
- Achieves an individual goal
- Uses Social Contract in everyday interactions and to resolve conflict

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

- Accepts divided adult and peer attention in a variety of settings
- Initiates authentic conversations with others
- Communicates using "Square Up" (shoulder to shoulder)
- Attempts tasks independently and if unable to do so, follow procedures for seeking help
- Initiates (get materials/homework ready) homework routine independently and share agenda with parents
- Manages subject folders/notebooks (all core subjects)
- Uses problem solving steps to persevere through complex/multi-step problems
  - Plan
  - Do
  - Review
- Uses highlighting to identify key words and gaps from previous note-taking to answer Essential Question
- Collaborates with others to achieve a goal
- Uses Social Contract in everyday interactions and to resolve conflict

4<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Correctly responds to multi-step directions
- Speaks slowly and in a clear voice for better understanding
- Independently communicates using eye contact, open posture, and square up
- Appropriately manages and completes multi-step directions
- Self-starts on homework routine and share agenda with parents
- Manages subject folders/notebooks/technology
- Expands problem solving steps to persevere through complex multi-step problems
  - Plan: Task Definition
  - Plan: Information Seeking Strategies
  - Do: Location and Access
  - Do: Use of Information
  - Review: Synthesis
  - Review: Evaluation
- Collaborates with partner to review notes; then generate questions relating to those notes and create a 2-4 sentence summary
- Manages goals by prioritizing
- Uses Social Contract in everyday interactions and to resolve conflict

5<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Identifies and expresses preferences to meet the needs of his/her learning style
- Respectfully expresses agreements and disagreements
- Identifies and adapts appropriate body language for the situation
- Asks questions to obtain information and clarification to meet the needs of his/her learning styles
- Utilizes agenda for homework planning purposes (balancing personal schedules)
- Manages subject folders/notebooks/ technology
- Identifies problem solving steps components within a context
  - Plan: Task Definition
  - Plan: Information Seeking Strategies
  - Do: Location and Access
  - Do: Use of Information
  - Review: Synthesis
  - Review: Evaluation
- Summarizes notes in 4-7 sentences, answering Essential Question
- Uses time wisely to complete goals
- Internalizes Social Contract to shape choices and actions

6<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Recognizes feelings or specific needs and identifies adults who can help at home or school within a middle school structure
- Participates in discussions, adding own ideas to stay on topic
- Refocuses on the speaker whenever thoughts may stray away from the goal of understanding the speaker's message
- Appropriately communicates feelings or specific needs and identifies adults who can help at home or school within a middle school structure
- Utilizes agenda to manage homework /projects (teacher-led)/activities in a middle school setting
- Manages subject folders/notebooks/ technology within a middle school structure
- Uses problem solving steps to persevere through complex/multi-step problems
  - Plan: Task Definition
  - Plan: Information Seeking Strategies
  - Do: Location and Access
  - Do: Use of Information
  - Review: Synthesis
  - Review: Evaluation
- Utilizes text features to identify important information in a variety of text types
- Estimates time to successfully complete goals
- Internalizes Social Contract to shape choices and actions

7<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Identifies own interests and strengths
- Asks and answers questions thoughtfully and using details about the topic
- Avoids multi-tasking such as texting or shuffling through notes to show the speaker that he/she is paying attention
- Shares interests and strengths with others
- Utilizes agenda to prioritize homework/projects (teacher-led)/activities in a middle school setting
- Manages subject folders/notebooks/technology within a middle school structure
- Determines what problems solving steps to use to persevere through tasks, situations, problems, and/or assignments
  - Plan: Task Definition
  - Plan: Information Seeking Strategies
  - Do: Location and Access
  - Do: Use of Information
  - Review: Synthesis
  - Review: Evaluation
- Creates an informed response to the Essential Question using multiple resources
- Manages goals by prioritizing in a middle school structure
- Internalizes Social Contract to shape choices and actions

8<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Identifies possible future career options based on interests and strengths
- Uses respectful language in any feedback or questions
- Stays engaged and listen without getting distracted with thoughts of rebuttals, responses, or other ideas that he/she wants to express
- Expands upon and share possible future career options based on interests and strengths
- Explores management systems to prioritize homework/projects (more independent)/ activities
- Explores management system for subject folders/notebook/technology
- Applies problem solving steps to any setting
  - Plan: Task Definition
  - Plan: Information Seeking Strategies
  - Do: Location and Access
  - Do: Use of Information
  - Review: Synthesis
  - Review: Evaluation
- Independently applies Cornell note-taking process
- Justifies realistic goals with evidence
- Internalizes Social Contract to shape choices and actions

9<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Recognizes feelings or specific needs and identifies adults and peer leaders who can help at home or school in a high school structure
- Initiates participation in discussions, adding own ideas to stay on topic
- Appropriately communicates active listening skills in a high school structure
- Appropriately communicates feelings or specific needs and identifies adults and peer leaders who can help at home or school in a high school structure
- Develops and customizes management systems to prioritize homework/projects/ activities
- Develops and customizes management system for subject folders/notebooks/technology within high school structure
- Applies problem solving steps to any setting within a high school structure
  - Plan: Task Definition
  - Plan: Information Seeking Strategies
  - Do: Location and Access
  - Do: Use of Information
  - Review: Synthesis
  - Review: Evaluation
- Independently applies Cornell note-taking process in a high school structure
- Manages goals by prioritizing in a high school structure
- Internalizes Social Contract to shape choices and actions

10th Grade

- Explores appropriate possible future college and career options based on interests and strengths
- Summarizes and reflects on what has been said by paraphrasing
- Utilizes reflection and question when listening to the speaker
- Shares appropriate possible future college and career options based on interests and strengths
- Refines management systems to prioritize homework/projects/activities
- Refines management system for subject folders/notebooks/technology within high school structure
- Applies problem solving steps to any setting within a high school structure
  - Plan: Task Definition
  - Plan: Information Seeking Strategies
  - Do: Location and Access
  - Do: Use of Information
  - Review: Synthesis
  - Review: Evaluation
- Refines Cornell note-taking process in a high school structure
- Utilizes S.M.A.R.T. framework to complete goals
- Advocates for self and others with Capturing Kids' Hearts framework

11<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Discerns appropriate possible future college and career options based on interests and strengths
- Responds in a relevant way that addresses the content or emotion of the message
- Discerns exaggeration, bias, prejudice, or emotional hype within communication
- Takes action regarding appropriate possible future college and career options based on interests and strengths
- Adapts management systems to prioritize homework/projects/activities for new demands/choices/CCR
- Adapts management system for new demands/choices/CCR
- Applies problems solving steps to new demands/choices/CCR
  - Plan: Task Definition
  - Plan: Information Seeking Strategies
  - Do: Location and Access
  - Do: Use of Information
  - Review: Synthesis
  - Review: Evaluation
- Adapts Cornell note-taking process for new demands/choices/CCR
- Adapts goals for new demands/choices/CCR
- Advocates for self and others with Capturing Kids' Hearts framework

12<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Independently identifies and pursues tasks related to college and career readiness
- Identifies and adapts overall presentation to meet the needs of the situation
- Uses information gathered during active listening to gain deeper meanings and make connections
- Actively pursues and completes tasks related to college and career readiness
- Adapts management systems to prioritize homework/projects/activities for new demands/choices/CCR
- Adapts management system for new demands/choices/CCR
- Applies problem solving steps to new demands/choices/CCR
  - Plan: Task Definition
  - Plan: Information Seeking Strategies
  - Do: Location and Access
  - Do: Use of Information
  - Review: Synthesis
  - Review: Evaluation
- Modifies Cornell note-taking process to tackle future demands/choices/CCR
- Actively pursues goals related to new demands/choices/CCR
- Advocates for self and others with Capturing Kids' Hearts framework