



Compass 7

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Grade: 7

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Teaching and Learning Principles

1. Student-Centered & Active Learning

Students are active participants in their learning through reflection, discussion, and inquiry around real-life social, personal, and academic challenges. The seminar emphasizes student voice, choice, and ownership as students set goals and apply strategies to their daily lives.

2. Holistic Development

The seminar supports the development of the whole child by building social skills, emotional awareness, resilience, and academic habits. Students learn to understand themselves, work effectively with others, and make responsible decisions.

3. Comprehensive Literacy & Inquiry

Students develop literacy and inquiry skills by reading, discussing, and reflecting on topics related to learning strategies, digital citizenship, and personal growth. Instruction strengthens students' ability to ask questions, evaluate information, and communicate thoughtfully and ethically.

4. Supportive & Safe Learning Environment

The seminar classroom is a safe, inclusive space where students feel respected, supported, and encouraged to take personal and academic risks. Strong relationships, clear norms, and respectful dialogue promote emotional well-being and confidence.

5. Evidence-Based Instruction & MTSS

Seminar instruction uses evidence-based practices to support all learners and aligns with the district's MTSS framework. Lessons provide universal skill development while allowing for targeted support and enrichment based on student needs.

6. Future-Ready Focus

The seminar prepares students with essential life skills such as self-management, collaboration, critical thinking, and responsible digital behavior. Students engage in age-appropriate conversations about ethical technology use, building habits needed for future academic and personal success.

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Enduring Understandings

Students will understand that:

Social Skills

- Students will understand that effective collaboration requires listening, sharing responsibility, and respecting diverse perspectives in order to achieve common goals.
- Students will understand that clear and respectful communication strengthens relationships and helps prevent conflict in academic and social settings.
- Students will understand that problem-solving involves identifying challenges, considering multiple solutions, and reflecting on outcomes to improve future decisions.
- Students will understand that personal accountability plays a key role in building trust and credibility with peers and adults.

Academic Skills

- Students will understand that strong time-management skills help balance academic responsibilities, extracurricular activities, and personal well-being.
- Students will understand that planning ahead and setting realistic goals leads to greater academic success and reduced stress.
- Students will understand that memory and study strategies can be practiced and improved through intentional habits and reflection.
- Students will understand that organization and preparation contribute to confidence and effectiveness in school and everyday life.

Personal Skills

- Students will understand that professionalism includes responsibility, respect, preparedness, and appropriate behavior in learning communities.
- Students will understand that resilience allows individuals to learn from mistakes, adapt to challenges, and persist through difficulties.
- Students will understand that a growth mindset supports learning by viewing effort, feedback, and challenges as opportunities for improvement.
- Students will understand that motivation influences both effort and achievement, and can come from internal goals or external factors.
- Students will understand that intrinsic motivation fosters deeper engagement and long-term learning compared to motivation based solely on rewards or consequences.

- Students will understand that self-awareness helps individuals recognize their strengths, areas for growth, and learning preferences.
- Students will understand that developing personal, academic, and social skills builds a foundation for success in middle school, high school, and life beyond school.

Smart Futures

- Students will understand that exploring their interests, strengths, and skills helps them make informed choices about future careers and pathways.
- Students will understand that the academic, social, and personal skills they develop now are essential for success in future education, careers, and life.
- Students will understand that careers and workplaces are constantly changing, and being adaptable and open to learning prepares them for future opportunities.

Digital Citizenship

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Essential Questions

Academic Skills

- How does the way I manage my time affect my stress level, learning, and success in school?
- What strategies help me remember and understand information instead of just memorizing it?
- How can setting goals and planning ahead help me stay organized and meet deadlines?
- What habits do successful students use when they struggle with difficult work?

Personal Skills

- What does it mean to act professionally in school now, and how does that prepare me for the future?
- How can mistakes help me learn and grow instead of making me give up?
- How does my mindset affect my motivation, effort, and confidence?
- What strategies help me stay motivated when something feels difficult or boring?

Social Skills

- What makes teamwork effective, and what role do I play when working in a group?
- How do strong communication skills help solve problems and build healthy relationships?
- How can I respectfully disagree or handle conflict without damaging relationships?
- Why is listening just as important as speaking when working with others?

Smart Futures

- How do my interests, strengths, and skills help shape my future career possibilities?
- Why is it important to explore different careers before high school and beyond?
- How can the skills I learn now help me succeed in future jobs that may not even exist yet?

Digital Citizenship

- What does it mean to be a responsible and respectful digital citizen?
- How can tools like AI support learning, and when can they become a problem?
- How do I make ethical choices when using technology, social media, and artificial intelligence?

Central Bucks School District – Course of Study Compass 7

Course Overview

Desired Results

Course Description: Compass is a course designed to equip middle school students with essential academic strategies that foster success both in school and beyond. Through engaging activities, students build essential competencies across three interconnected units. Academic skill building includes study strategies, strengthening executive functioning skills and emphasizing personal responsibility with a focus on Digital Citizenship. Social skill building covers collaboration, communication and problem solving. Personal skill building allows students to explore their own mindset and motivation as they prepare for future academic and career endeavors, including compiling career readiness artifacts in alignment with Pennsylvania middle school requirements.

Prerequisite: N/A

Committee Members: Christie Besack, Jesse Breeden, Adam Controy, Casey Dannin, Haley Donohoe, Michael Greenbaum, Melissa Hallman, Rachel Moyer, Hillary Norris

Acceptable Evidence.

Teachers of this course will abide by the expectations set forth from the Teaching and Learning Team for summative and formative assessment practices as well as composition of the gradebook.

Common Assessments:

Time Tracker Scavenger Hunt (Academic Skills Unit)
Memory Recall Activity (Academic Skills Unit)
Planning: Utilizing a Calendar (Academic Skills Unit)
Professionalism in Digital Communications (Personal Skills Unit)
Resiliency in Practice (Personal Skills Unit)
Mindset and Motivation: Intrinsic vs. Extrinsic Motivation (Personal Skills Unit)
The Drawing Barrier (Social Skills Unit)
Stranded! (Social Skills Unit)
Punny Punchlines (Social Skills Unit)
Stack Attack (Social Skills Unit)
Kent (Social Skills Unit)
Class Relay Race (Social Skills Unit)
Risk (Social Skills Unit)
Breakout Edu (Social Skills Unit)
Minecraft Edu (Social Skills Unit)
Promote Your Brand (Smart Futures)
Analyze Career Information (Smart Futures)
Investigate Career Clusters Happen (Smart Futures)
Study Successful Entrepreneurs (Smart Futures)
Keep Up With Technology (Smart Futures)
What are Online Harms (Digital Citizenship)

De-escalating Online Harm (Digital Citizenship)
Making Things Right Repairing Harms (Digital Citizenship)
Web of Responsibility (Digital Citizenship)
Understanding My Digital Footprint (Digital Citizenship)
Your Curated Self (Digital Citizenship)
Care to Share (Digital Citizenship)
Permission to Post (Digital Citizenship)
The Assumptions We Make (Digital Citizenship)
What is AI? (Digital Citizenship)
How is AI Trained? (Digital Citizenship)

Final Exam / Project: No

Course Grading:

10% formative (Compass Kickstart Activities)
90% summative (Unit Activities)

Pacing Guide

COURSE CONTENT	Days
Compass Kickstarts	
Each class period includes a 5–10-minute Compass Kickstart. The kickstarts embed essential skills into each lesson such as study skills, technology, and executive functioning.	Every Day*
Five note taking strategies (Cornell, Outline, Mind Mapping, Boxing / Chunking and Charting) will be embedded into Compass Kickstarts. Teachers will introduce these strategies throughout the course. Students will use the strategy each day to compile notes on their daily Compass Kickstart.	
*Compass Kickstarts may be omitted in designated lessons due to activity time.	
Introduction	
Course Introduction	1
Unit 1 – Academic Skills	
Time Management	1
Memory – Recall	1
Planning	1
Unit 2 – Personal Skills	
Professionalism Digital Communications	1
Resiliency	1
Mindset and Motivation	1
Unit 3 – Social Skills	
Drawing Barrier (Communication)	1
Survival Pack (Problem Solving)	1
Kent (Communication and Collaboration)	1
Class Relay Race (Collaboration)	1
Punny Punchlines (Problem Solving, Communication)	1
Stack Attack (Communication and Collaboration)	1
Risk (Communication, Collaboration & Problem Solving)	4
BreakoutEdu (Communication, Collaboration & Problem Solving)	1
Minecraft Edu	
Home Sweet Hmmm (Digital Citizenship)	2
Good Game (Digital Citizenship)	2
AI: Dig Deeper (AI)	5
Build Challenge: Accessibility Park (Communication, Problem Solving)	1
Unit 4 – Smart Futures	
Promote Your Brand	1
Analyze Career Information	1
Investigate Career Clusters	1
Study Successful Entrepreneurs	1
Keep Up With Technology	1
Unit 5 – Digital Citizenship	
What are Online Harms?	1
De-Escalating Online Harm	1

Making Things Right Repairing Harms	1
Web of Responsibility	1
Understanding My Digital Footprint	1
Your Curated Self	1
Care to Share	1
Permission to Post	1
The Assumptions We Make	1
What is AI?	1
How is AI Trained?	1
Course Wrap-up and Reflection	1

NOTE: Additional remediation in standards/content from the grade level (or previous grade level) where the student completes this course will be provided for students when the teacher determines a student has not yet mastered that content. Enrichment opportunities will also be provided to meet the needs of students that acquire an understanding of the content faster than their class peers.

Required Texts and Software

- Microsoft Office and Windows
- Canvas
- Edge
- Outlook
- Canva
- Adobe Express
- Microsoft Apps (Sticky Notes, Whiteboard, Clock)

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Unit 1 – “Academic Skills”

Desired Results:

Essential Questions:

- How does the way I manage my time affect my stress level, learning, and success in school?
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Knowledge:

Students will know...

- Vocabulary:
 - Time Management
 - Memory
 - Recall
 - Planning
 - Optimum Work Environment
 - Ambient Sound
 - Bookmarking
 - Cornell Note Taking Strategy
 - Outline Note Taking Strategy

Skills:

Students will be able to...

- Plan and execute a task list scavenger hunt to maximize efficiency and time management skills
- Memorize a specific item using 3 different strategies and reflect on the effectiveness of each
- Create a study plan given different calendar events and items typical of a middle school students
- Utilize different note taking strategies and determine the best subject areas to apply these strategies within the academic environment

Standards:

Supporting:

Standard - 15.3.8.I

Distinguish between relevant and non-relevant information for note taking, questioning, or decision making.

Standard - 15.3.8.J

Identify barriers to active listening (e.g., environmental, peer, time, and cultural distractions).

Acceptable Evidence:

Acceptable evidence of learning other than Performance Tasks:

Formative Assessment

Compass Kickstart Activities:

- Notetaking Abbreviations
- Workplace Environment (e.g. ambient sound, baroque music)
- Canvas communication (e.g. comments)

Summative Assessment

- Time Tracker Scavenger Hunt
- Memory – Recall Activity
- Study Plan Calendar Activity

Suggested Learning Experiences and Instruction

Learning Experiences:

- Discussion and Critical Thinking
- Experiential and Project – Based Learning
- Life Skills and Future Readiness
- Interactive and Creative Engagement

Instructional Strategies:

- Socratic Seminar
- Think-Pair-Share
- Text Annotation
- Sentence frames and starters
- Active listening and documentation
- Structured Reflection

Differentiation/Intervention/Enrichment Options:

- Differentiation
 - Flexible Small Group Sessions (Flexible Grouping, targeted support, seminar approach)
 - Choice Boards
 - Scaffolding
 - Multiple modalities (visual, auditory and kinesthetic)
- Intervention
 - Small Group Instruction
 - Tiered Assignments and Materials
 - Executive Functioning Coaching
 - I & E
- Enrichment
 - Project-Based Learning
 - Extra-curricular clubs and activities
 - Career Exploration Options

For Language Development:

- Using Microsoft translation tools that are individually tailored to each student.

- Utilize visual supports (e.g. color coding, graphs, diagrams, closed captioning, graphic organizers,etc) when available and appropriate
- Foster collaborative peer support (e.g. increased student talk time, think-pair-share, strategic grouping, etc)
- Incorporate the use of structured language scaffolding (e.g. sentence starters, chunking information, pre-teaching vocabulary)
- Modify assessments to focus on content knowledge rather than English Language proficiency

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Unit 2 – “Personal Skills”

Desired Results:

Essential Questions:

- What does it mean to act professionally in school now, and how does that prepare me for the future?
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- How does my mindset affect my motivation, effort, and confidence?
- What strategies help me stay motivated when something feels difficult or boring?

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Knowledge:

Students will know...

- Vocabulary:
 - Professionalism
 - Resiliency
 - Mindset
 - Intrinsic Motivation
 - Extrinsic Motivation
 - Self Advocacy
 - Box Breathing

Skills:

Students will be able to...

- Distinguish between casual texting language and professional email communication
- Students will be able to work through the main steps of resiliency and apply them to different typical middle school scenarios
- Students will be able to create a self motivation toolkit for a task that they identify as something they do not like

Standards:

Priority:

Standard - 13.2.6-8.A

Apply critical thinking to solve real-life problems.

Standard – 13.2.6-8.B

Develop formal communication that demonstrates professional etiquette and observes social protocols when communicating verbally, nonverbally, and in writing.

Acceptable Evidence:

Acceptable evidence of learning other than Performance Tasks:

Formative Assessment

Compass Kickstart Activities:

- Outlook and professional digital communication
- Etiquette and Citizenship (workspace, self advocacy)
- Mental Health (box breathing, journaling, clock app, adobe express coloring mode)

Summative Assessment

- Professional Communication (texting vs. emailing)
- Resiliency Activity
- Mindset and Motivation Activity (self motivation toolkit)

Suggested Learning Experiences and Instruction

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- Experiential and Project – Based Learning
- Life Skills and Future Readiness
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Unit 3 – “Social Skills”

Desired Results:

Essential Questions:

- What makes teamwork effective, and what role do I play when working in a group?
- How do strong communication skills help solve problems and build healthy relationships?
- How can I respectfully disagree or handle conflict without damaging relationships?
- Why is listening just as important as speaking when working with others?

Enduring Understandings:

- Students will understand that effective collaboration requires listening, sharing responsibility, and respecting diverse perspectives in order to achieve common goals.
- Students will understand that clear and respectful communication strengthens relationships and helps prevent conflict in academic and social settings.
- Students will understand that problem-solving involves identifying challenges, considering multiple solutions, and reflecting on outcomes to improve future decisions.
- Students will understand that personal accountability plays a key role in building trust and credibility with peers and adults.

Knowledge:

Students will know...

- Vocabulary:
 - Collaboration
 - Interpersonal Relationships
 - Self-Awareness
 - Etiquette
 - Respect
 - Perspective
 - Empathy
 - Conflict Resolution
 - Boundaries
 - Cues
 - Norms
 - Self-Regulation

Skills:

Students will be able to...

- demonstrate active listening and clear communication by asking clarifying questions, paraphrasing, and expressing ideas respectfully.
- adapt verbal and non-verbal behaviors (tone, body language, facial expressions, and personal space) to fit diverse academic and social situations.
- practice positive etiquette when collaborating with peers both in person and in online environments.
- collaborate effectively in team settings by fulfilling assigned roles, sharing responsibility, and valuing diverse peer perspectives.
- resolve conflicts constructively by identifying root issues, expressing respectful disagreement, and negotiating mutually agreeable solutions.

- apply self-regulation and personal accountability by recognizing personal triggers, managing emotional responses, and reflecting on individual actions to build trust.

Standards:

Priority:

Standard - 15.3.8.X

Demonstrate effective techniques for good communication.

Supporting:

Standard - 15.3.8.K

Determine the situational appropriateness of verbal and non-verbal behaviors.

Standard - 15.3.8.M

Demonstrate proper etiquette when networking either face-to-face or online.

Acceptable Evidence:

Formative Assessment

Compass Kickstart Activities

- Sharing in Microsoft
- Outlook Reactions
- Maintaining Physical Workspace
- Maintaining Digital Workspace
- Self Advocacy in a Respectful Manner

Summative Assessment

- Drawing Barrier Activity
- Survival Pack Activity
- Punny Punchlines Activity
- Stack Attack Activity
- Kent Activity
- Class Relay Race Activity
- Risk Activity
- Minecraft Edu Activity

Suggested Learning Experiences and Instruction

Learning Experiences:

- Discussion and Critical Thinking
- Experiential and Project – Based Learning
- Life Skills and Future Readiness
- Interactive and Creative Engagement

Instructional Strategies:

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Unit 4 – “Smart Futures”

Desired Results:

Essential Questions:

- How do successful entrepreneurs use their mindset, work ethic, and branding to overcome challenges and create opportunities?
- How can using reliable digital career research tools help me make informed decisions about future career paths?
- How does understanding and showcasing my personal strengths help me build a positive brand as a future job candidate?

Enduring Understandings:

- Students will understand that adopting an entrepreneurial mindset, demonstrating a strong work ethic, and applying core branding principles are key drivers of career success across traditional and self-employment pathways.
- Students will understand that utilizing valid career research tools and labor market data allows them to analyze job requirements, availability, and future opportunities effectively.
- Students will understand that identifying personal strengths and communicating them clearly builds a positive personal brand and sets them apart as strong job candidates.

Knowledge:

Students will know...

- Vocabulary:
 - Entrepreneurship
 - Entrepreneurial Mindset
 - Work Ethic
 - Labor Market
 - Job Availability
 - Career Research Tools
 - Personal Brand
 - Self-Marketing

Skills:

Students will be able to...

- Analyze the characteristics, mindset, and work ethic of successful entrepreneurs to evaluate how these traits influence career opportunities and problem-solving in any profession.
- Compare and contrast entrepreneurship with traditional employment by examining the risks and rewards of both.
- Research and evaluate diverse career options across local, national, and global job markets using digital tools Smart Futures Career Super-Search.
- Analyze specific job postings and requirements to determine career fit, necessary qualifications, and post-secondary preparation pathways.
- Identify personal strengths and accomplishments through self-reflection to establish evidence for an authentic personal brand.
- Communicate and market personal strengths effectively for workplace scenarios and interviews while maintaining a positive digital and in-person footprint.

Standards:

Priority:

Standard – 13.1.6-8.B

Compare and contrast entrepreneurship and other self-employment opportunities to other employment types; evaluate how entrepreneurial character traits influence career opportunities in any type of job play a role in entrepreneurial branding.

Standard – 13.1.6-8.C

Compare and contrast multiple careers using a variety of career research resources.

Standard – 13.4.6-8.A

Identify ways to market yourself as a job candidate.

Supporting:

Standard – 13.1.6-8.D

Use multiple resources or tools to research the job availability in a local, national, and global job market.

Standard – 13.2.6-8.F

Explain how entrepreneurial Mindset characteristics and skills can help one be successful in their career.

Standard – 13.3.6 – 8.B

Explain how decisions regarding education, skill building, and work impact other major life decisions.

Standard – 13.3.6-8.D

Demonstrate a positive work ethic.

Acceptable Evidence:

Smart Futures Performance Tasks –

Promote Your Brand

Analyze Career Information

Investigate Career Clusters

Study Successful Entrepreneurs

Keep Up With Technology

Suggested Learning Experiences and Instruction

Learning Experiences:

- Discussion and Critical Thinking
- Experiential and Project – Based Learning
- Life Skills and Future Readiness
- Interactive and Creative Engagement

Instructional Strategies:

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Unit 5 – “Digital Citizenship”

Desired Results:

Essential Questions:

- What does it mean to be a responsible and respectful digital citizen?
- How can tools like AI support learning, and when can they become a problem?
- How do I make ethical choices when using technology, social media, and artificial intelligence?

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Knowledge:

Students will know...

- Vocabulary:
 - Netiquette
 - AI
 - Digital Footprint
 - Privacy
 - Phishing
 - Biometrics
 - Cyberbullying
 - Exclusion
 - Credible

Skills:

Students will be able to...

- Explain the basic structure of how AI works and functions
- Understand how AI is trained and use this information to prompt for more effective results
- Outline best practices for maintaining their active digital footprint in a professional manner
- List damaging online behaviors and strategies for avoiding digital drama

Standards:

Priority:

Standard - 15.4.8.A

Analyze the influence of emerging technologies on daily life.

Supporting:

Standard - 15.4.8.B

Interpret and apply appropriate social, legal, ethical, and safe behaviors of digital citizenship.

Standard - 15.4.8.L

Evaluate the accuracy and bias of online sources of information; appropriately cite online resources.

Standard - 15.3.8.T

Discuss the rules of digital citizenship.

Standard 13.2.6-8.D

Demonstrate proficient use of technologies by using various types of technology.

Acceptable Evidence:

Acceptable evidence of learning other than Performance Tasks:

Summative Assessment

Common Sense Media Activities

- What are Online Harms?
- De-escalating Online Harm
- Making Things Right Repairing Harms
- Web of Responsibility
- Understanding My Digital Footprint
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