

Independent Living

Course Description:

This competency-based semester or year-long course is designed to prepare students for living on their own with particular emphasis on personal finance. A multi-materials approach to learning is used in fostering the development of practical life skills. Units of study include decision-making, goal setting, employability skills, job search and interviews, budgeting, banking, credit, tax forms, housing, transportation, choices, wellness, and personal fitness.

Prerequisites: Must be in the 11th and 12th grade

Course Objectives:

The student will:

- Demonstrate problem-solving techniques as a means to strengthening decision making skills.
- Analyze personal qualities that contribute to effective communication
- Demonstrate effective communication skills
- Determine the process for short term and long term goal setting
- Explain the effects for advertising on today's consumer
- Identify employability skills that relate to job success
- Research future career opportunities
- Practice job preparation skills such as reading want ads, writing a resume and completing a job application
- Prepare for and participate in a job interview
- Analyze paychecks and employee benefits
- Analyze and recommend appropriate banking services
- Demonstrate the ability to balance a checkbook
- Critique the costs of using credit
- Prepare a savings plan
- Create a budget
- Practice completing tax forms
- Determine the necessity for insurance policies (car, home. Health)
- Compare and contrast different types of housing and how they fulfill housing needs
- Compare and contrast the cost of living in three different regions of the United States