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| Unit | Unit 1 - Taking Control of Your Learning Experience and Academic Success | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Concepts | Understanding Motivation Study Habits Learning Style Academic Goals Academic Integrity | | | | | | | | | | |
| Big Ideas | By understanding a student's learning | By understanding a student's learning style, they can take control of their learning experience and success. | | | | | | | | | |
| Essential Understandings | How are learning styles determined? What strategies align with different learning styles? How does a student set an academic goal? What is academic integrity? | | | | | | | | | | |
| Competencies | Understanding motivation Evaluating study habits Understanding learning style Taking proactive steps to succeed Setting academic goals When to seek a tutor Preparing for online learning Using the internet responsibility Academic integrity on the internet | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dates (estimates only) | Smart Objectives | Instructional Strategies and Activities | PA CC Standards | Keystone or PSSA Anchors | Keystone / PSSA Eligible Content | Vocabulary | | | | | |
| 15-20 days | Compare different types of motivation. Explain how motivation affects academics. Define personal study habits. | Guided notes Student discussion Journal entries Small group Open-ended response Articles and questions | CC.1.2.9.A CC.1.2.9.B CC.1.2.9.F CC.1.2.9.J CC.1.2.9.K CC.1.2.9.L CC.1.2.9.L CC.1.3.9.I CC.1.3.9.J | | | Motivation Study Habits Multiple Intelligences Academic Success Organizational Strategy | | | | | |

| Identify characteristics of appropriate study space. | L.N.1.3.1 L.N.2.5.3 | Academic Integrity |
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| Define learning style. | | |
| Explore different types of learning styles and multiple intelligences. | | |
| Identify personal learning style. | | |
| Discuss the importance of attendance. | | |
| Identify organizational strategies for academic success. | | |
| Summarize importance of communication to academic success. | | |
| Explain steps to setting an academic goal. | | |
| Identify types of academic goals. | | |
| Identify reasons to seek tutor assistance. | | |
| Identify resources to locate tutor assistance. | | |
| Describe responsibility as it relates to online education. | | |
| Identify technology skills needed for online classes. | | |
| Compare characteristics of safe and unsafe sites. | | |
| Locate school rules on visiting websites, downloading information and using programs from the internet. | | |
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| | personal id | lobal knowledge and leas. d the concept of academic | | | | | | | |
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| Resources | Materials, | Materials, texts, videos, internet sites, software, human to support instruction | | | | | | | |
| Formative Assessments | Class part | Class participation, observation checklist, teacher observation, quizzes, exit tickets | | | | | | | |
| Summative Assessments | Tests, various assessments of projects (individual, group, partner), rubrics performance tasks, teacher designed assessments | | | | | | | | |
| Strategies for ELL and IEP Small groups, peer assistance, additional individualized assistance, variation of activities/assignments, modifications and accommodified assistance. | | | | | | | | | |
| Acceleration Strategies Journal writing, related reading activities, peer assisted activities, independent projects, research using the library, internet, etc. | | | | | | | | | |

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| Unit | Unit 2 - Reading Techniques and Note Taking | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Concepts | Prereading Strategies Note Taking Graphic Organizers | | | | | | | | | | |
| Big Ideas | Utilizing reading techniques and note t | Utilizing reading techniques and note taking strategies supports student success. | | | | | | | | | |
| Essential Understandings | What prereading strategies can be utilized? How can difficult material be broken down into simpler concepts? What role does outlining have in the note taking process? What are the similarities and differences between graphic organizers? | | | | | | | | | | |
| Competencies | Prereading Strategies Reading for Content Reading Difficult Material Increase Your Reading Speed Note Taking 101 Notes From a Lecture Notes from a Text Compare and Contrast Graphic Organizers Cause and Effect Graphic Organizers | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dates (estimates only) | Smart Objectives | Instructional Strategies and Activities | PA CC Standards | Keystone or PSSA Anchors | Keystone / PSSA Eligible Content | Vocabulary | | | | | |
| 15-20 days | Students will be able to Define critical reading. Explore prereading strategies for successful reading comprehension. Describe strategies for reading subject content. Examine strategies to complete a difficult reading passage | Guided notes Student discussion Journal entries Small group Open-ended response Articles and questions | CC.1.2.9.A CC.1.2.9.B CC.1.2.9.F CC.1.2.9.F CC.1.2.9.K CC.1.2.9.L CC.1.3.9.I CC.1.3.9.J CC.1.3.9.X L.N.1.2.3 L.N.1.3.1 L.N.2.5.3 | | | Prereading Note taking Outlining Graphic Organizers | | | | | |

| | successfu | lly. | | | | | |
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| | Assess re | ading speed. | | | | | |
| | | reading techniques which speed of reading. | | | | | |
| | Explain st taking. | rategies for quality note | | | | | |
| | Identify ke exclude in | ey points to include and in notes. | | | | | |
| | Apply note format. | e taking skills to a lecture | | | | | |
| | Practice o notes. | utlining to take quality | | | | | |
| | Apply out from a tex | ining techniques to notes t. | | | | | |
| | Demonstr organizers | ate use of cause and effect s. | | | | | |
| | Describe effect orga | purposes of cause and anizers. | | | | | |
| | Identify ty organizers | pes of cause and effect S. | | | | | |
| Resources | Materials, | texts, videos, internet sites, software, human to support instruction | | | | | |
| Formative Assessments | Class par | participation, observation checklist, teacher observation, quizzes, exit tickets | | | | | |
| Summative Assessments | Tests, var | ious assessments of projects (individual, group, partner), rubrics performance tasks, teacher designed assessments | | | | | |
| Strategies for EL Support | L and IEP | Small groups, peer assistance, additional individualized assistance, variation of activities/assignments, modifications and accommodations. | | | | | |
| Acceleration Stra | itegies | Journal writing, related reading activities, peer assisted activities, independent projects, research using the library, internet, etc. | | | | | |

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| Unit | Unit 3 - Memorization Techniques | | | | | | | | | |
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| Concepts | Repetition Acronyms Visualization | | | | | | | | | |
| Big Ideas | Utilizing various memorization techniq | ues can assist with remembering informati | on. | | | | | | | |
| Essential Understandings | How can flashcards be used to help remember information? How are acronyms used in remembering information? Why are visualization and categorization important in remembering information? | | | | | | | | | |
| Competencies | Remembering through repetition Using acronyms Rhyming and keywords Visualization and Categorization | | | | | | | | | |
| Dates (estimates only) | Smart Objectives | Instructional Strategies and Activities | PA CC Standards | Keystone or PSSA Anchors | Keystone / PSSA Eligible Content | Vocabulary | | | | |
| 15-20 days | Students will be able to Define repetition as a strategy for remembering information. Demonstrate the use of flashcards to memorize information. Describe the steps for using repetition. Demonstrate the use of acronyms to memorize information. Describe acronyms as a strategy for remembering information. Describe the steps for using | Guided notes Student discussion Journal entries Small group Open-ended response Articles and questions | CC.1.2.9.A CC.1.2.9.F CC.1.2.9.F CC.1.2.9.K CC.1.2.9.L CC.1.3.9.I CC.1.3.9.J CC.1.3.9.X L.N.1.2.3 L.N.1.3.1 L.N.2.5.3 | | | Repetition Acronyms Memorization Visualization Categorization | | | | |

| | acronyms. Demonstrate the use of rhyming and using keywords to memorize information. Describe rhyming and using keywords as a strategy for remembering information. Demonstrate the use of visualization and categorizing to memorize information. Describe the steps for using visualization and categorization. Describe visualization and categorization and cat | | | | | | |
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| Resources | Materials, texts, videos, internet sites, software, human to support instruction | | | | | | |
| Formative Assessments | Class participation, observation checklist, teacher observation, quizzes, exit tickets | | | | | | |
| Summative Assessments | | | | | | | |
| Strategies for ELL Support | and IEP Small groups, peer assistance, additional individualized assistance, variation of activities/assignments, modifications and accommodations. | | | | | | |
| Acceleration Strat | tegies Journal writing, related reading activities, peer assisted activities, independent projects, research using the library, internet, etc. | | | | | | |

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| Unit | Unit 4 - Steps to Test Preparation | | | | | | | | |
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| Concepts | Study Preparation Efficient study techniques Memorization techniques Test Anxiety | | | | | | | | |
| Big Ideas | Actively and efficiently preparing for a | test is an integral part of test success. | | | | | | | |
| Essential Understandings | What steps are involved in test preparation? How can creating a study activity checklist aid in student success? Why is practicing potential test questions and effective study technique? | | | | | | | | |
| Competencies | Determining what to study Organizing notes Compiling study materials Applying memorization techniques | | | | | | | | |
| Dates (estimates only) | Smart Objectives | Instructional Strategies and Activities | PA CC Standards | Keystone or PSSA Anchors | Keystone / PSSA Eligible Content | Vocabulary | | | |
| 15-20 days | Students will be able to Define and create a study activity checklist. Explore study preparation strategies. Create a graphic organizer to synthesize notes. Describe procedures for organizing notes. Identifying materials for efficient studying. Practice creating potential questions | Guided notes Student discussion Journal entries Small group Open-ended response Articles and questions | CC.1.2.9.A CC.1.2.9.B CC.1.2.9.F CC.1.2.9.J CC.1.2.9.K CC.1.2.9.L CC.1.3.9.I CC.1.3.9.J CC.1.3.9.X L.N.1.2.3 L.N.1.3.1 L.N.2.5.3 | | | Study Preparation Synthesize Test Bank Test Anxiety | | | |

| | techniques | n applicable memorization s to use in test preparation. st preparation strategies mportance on test day. | |
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| Resources | Materials, texts, videos, internet sites, software, human to support instruction | | |
| Formative Assessments | Class participation, observation checklist, teacher observation, quizzes, exit tickets | | |
| Summative Assessments | Tests, various assessments of projects (individual, group, partner), rubrics performance tasks, teacher designed assessments | | |
| Strategies for ELL and IEP Small groups, peer assistance, additional individualized assistance, variation of activities/assignments, modifications and accommodat Support Small groups, peer assistance, additional individualized assistance, variation of activities/assignments, modifications and accommodat | | Small groups, peer assistance, additional individualized assistance, variation of activities/assignments, modifications and accommodations. | |
| Acceleration Strategies | | Journal writing, related reading activities, peer assisted activities, independent projects, research using the library, internet, etc. | |



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| Unit | Unit 5 - Test Taking Strategies | | | | | |
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| Concepts | Testing Tactics Test Preparation Types of Tests/Test Questions | | | | | |
| Big Ideas | Understanding types of tests and test | questions can lower test anxiety and bette | r prepare a studer | nt for an assessment | | |
| Essential Understandings | What types of tests/test questions are What are the best approaches to takin How should a student prepare for an e | g a test/answering a test question? | | | | |
| Competencies | Testing Tactics Best Answer Tests Response Tests Open Book Tests Preparing for Essay Tests Answering Essay Questions | | | | | |
| Dates (estimates only) | Smart Objectives | Instructional Strategies and Activities | PA CC Standards | Keystone or PSSA Anchors | Keystone / PSSA Eligible Content | Vocabulary |
| 15-20 days | Students will be able to Explore test taking strategies that apply to all types of tests. Apply best answer test taking strategies to correctly answer questions. Examine characteristics of best answer tests. Apply response test taking strategies to correctly answer questions. Examine characteristics of response | Guided notes Student discussion Journal entries Small group Open-ended response Articles and questions | CC.1.2.9.A CC.1.2.9.B CC.1.2.9.F CC.1.2.9.J CC.1.2.9.K CC.1.2.9.L CC.1.3.9.I CC.1.3.9.J CC.1.3.9.X L.N.1.2.3 L.N.1.3.1 L.N.2.5.3 | | | Open Book Essay Best Answer Response |

| | type ques | ions. | | |
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| | Describe of strategies | open book test taking | | |
| | Examine t book tests | he characteristics of open | | |
| | Explore es strategies | ssay test pre-planning | | |
| | Explore st essay writ | rategies for successful ing. | | |
| Resources | Materials, texts, videos, internet sites, software, human to support instruction | | | |
| Formative Assessments | Class participation, observation checklist, teacher observation, quizzes, exit tickets | | | |
| Summative Assessments | Tests, various assessments of projects (individual, group, partner), rubrics performance tasks, teacher designed assessments | | | |
| Strategies for ELL and IEP Support | | Small groups, peer assistance, additional individualized assistance, vari | iation of activities/assignments, modifications and accommodations. | |
| Acceleration Stra | tegies | Journal writing, related reading activities, peer assisted activities, indepe | endent projects, research using the library, internet, etc. | |
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| Unit | Unit 6 - Using References to Write Quality Papers | | | | | |
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| Concepts | Reference Sources Developing a Topic Writing Papers Giving Presentations Using Rubrics | | | | | |
| Big Ideas | Utilizing quality sources to write a well | -thought out paper and deliver a presentat | tion contributes to | student success. | | |
| Essential Understandings | How are reference sources delineated? What type of sources exist to aid the writing process? What is the importance of developing a topic prior to research? What are the elements of an effective presentation? How are rubrics utilized in writing and presentations? | | | | | |
| Competencies | Major types of reference sources Using a dictionary Using a thesaurus Selecting sources Developing your topic Writing quality papers Giving quality presentations Using rubrics | | | | | |
| Dates (estimates only) | Smart Objectives | Instructional Strategies and Activities | PA CC Standards | Keystone or PSSA Anchors | Keystone / PSSA Eligible Content | Vocabulary |
| 15-20 days | Students will be able to Explain the differences between reference source formats. Identify the five major types of reference sources. Discuss the purpose of a dictionary. | Guided notes Student discussion Journal entries Small group Open-ended response Articles and questions | CC.1.2.9.A CC.1.2.9.B CC.1.2.9.F CC.1.2.9.J CC.1.2.9.K CC.1.2.9.L CC.1.3.9.I CC.1.3.9.J CC.1.3.9.X L.N.1.2.3 | | | Source Dictionary Thesaurus Citation Bibliography Primary Source Secondary Source |

| | Identify the types of information found on a page in the dictionary. L.N.1.3.1 Understand the purpose of a thesaurus. L.N.2.5.3 | |
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| | Utilize a thesaurus to increase the quality of written work. | |
| | Create a bibliography citation. Define source. | |
| | List characteristics of credible text and internet sources. | |
| | Evaluate topic ideas for clarity and appropriateness, | |
| | Initiate efficient research processes based on a chosen topic. | |
| | Analyze sample paper for possible improvements. | |
| | Describe writing elements of high quality papers. | |
| | Describe elements of strong speaking skills. | |
| | Describe ways to use visual aids in quality presentations. | |
| | Define rubric. | |
| | Explain importance of following rubrics. | |
| Resources | Materials, texts, videos, internet sites, software, human to support instruction | |
| Formative Assessments | Class participation, observation checklist, teacher observation, quizzes, exit tickets | |
| Summative Assessments | Tests, various assessments of projects (individual, group, partner), rubrics performance tasks, teacher designed assessments | |

| Strategies for ELL and IEP Support | Small groups, peer assistance, additional individualized assistance, variation of activities/assignments, modifications and accommodations. |
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| Acceleration Strategies | Journal writing, related reading activities, peer assisted activities, independent projects, research using the library, internet, etc. |

