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Preface

Secondary Career and Technical Education programs in Mississippi are faced with many challenges resulting from sweeping educational reforms at the national and state levels. Schools and teachers are increasingly being held accountable for providing true learning activities to every student in the classroom. This accountability is measured through increased requirements for mastery and attainment of competency as documented through both formative and summative assessments.

The courses in this document reflect the statutory requirements as found in Section 37-3-49, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended (Section 37-3-46). In addition, this curriculum reflects guidelines imposed by federal and state mandates (Laws, 1988, ch. 487, §14; Laws, 1991, ch. 423, §1; Laws, 1992, ch. 519, §4 eff. from and after July 1, 1992; Carl D. Perkins Vocational Education Act IV, 2007; and No Child Left Behind Act of 2001).

Executive Summary

Course Description

Keystone is a course to be taught in either 7th, 8th, or 9th grade and is to be used as an introduction to career pathways and career decision-making. The course was developed particularly to meet the needs of those schools participating in career academies. This introductory course includes content in self-development, career clusters, pathways, and choices, as well as financial planning. The course is designed to be taught in a “flipped” classroom environment where students are introduced to the content outside of class and actually *experience* the content during class.

Industry Certification

None

Assessment

The latest assessment blueprint for the curriculum can be found at the following location:

<http://www.rcu.msstate.edu/Curriculum/CurriculumDownload.aspx>

Student Prerequisites

Students should be enrolled in 7th, 8th, or 9th grade in order to take Keystone.

Teacher Licensure

The latest teacher licensure information can be found at

<http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/educator-licensure>

Professional Learning

If you have specific questions about the content of any of training sessions provided, please contact the Research and Curriculum Unit at 662.325.2510 and ask for a professional-learning specialist.

Course Outline

Keystone—Course Code: 990002

Unit	Unit Name	Hours
1	Orientation, Course Introduction, and Ethics	5
2	Learning and Personality Styles	5
3	The 16 National Career Clusters: Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources	5
4	The 16 National Career Clusters: Architecture & Construction	5
5	The 16 National Career Clusters: Arts, A/V Technology & Communications	5
6	The 16 National Career Clusters: Business Management & Administration	5
7	The 16 National Career Clusters: Education & Training	5
8	The 16 National Career Clusters: Finance	5
9	The 16 National Career Clusters: Government & Public Administration	5
10	The 16 National Career Clusters: Health Science	5
11	The 16 National Career Clusters: Hospitality & Tourism	5
12	The 16 National Career Clusters: Human Services	5
13	The 16 National Career Clusters: Information Technology	5
14	The 16 National Career Clusters: Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security	5
15	The 16 National Career Clusters: Manufacturing	5
16	The 16 National Career Clusters: Marketing	5
17	The 16 National Career Clusters: Science, Technology, Engineering & Math	5
18	The 16 National Career Clusters: Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	5
19	Financial Literacy/Reality Fair	20
20	College and Career Focus/Development of a Six-Year Plan	15
21	Revisions, Goal-Setting, Professionalism, and Presentation	15
Total		140