

BORDEN COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT MATERIALS

CHARACTER COUNTS!

The following two curriculum materials were developed by the Character Counts Coalition (which consists of thirty-seven organizations) in cooperation with the Josephson Institute. A number of nationally renowned nonprofit youth organizations support this curriculum, including 4-H, YMCA, Future Homemakers of America, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and Camp Fire Boys and Girls. CHARACTER COUNTS! uses humor and songs to define character and help instill in children the desire to be a person of good character. This curriculum may be taught all in one lesson, or by teaching each individual pillar in a different lesson.

- ***Kids for Character (K-2)***
 - 60-minute video with thirty of children's favorite cartoon characters, including Barney, Babar, Lamb Chop and the Magic School Bus. These characters help introduce the youth to the six pillars of character (trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, caring, fairness, and citizenship).
 - Lessons are available for all six pillars of character, plus decision making.
- ***Choices Count (3-4)***
 - 60-minute video with all new songs, dances and skits by such favorites as Bananas in Pajamas, The Big Comfy Couch and Wishbone. These characters are also involved in teaching about the six pillars of character.
 - Lessons are available for all six pillars of character, plus decision making.

THOUGHT, WORD AND DEED (K-6)

This curriculum was designed by State Farm Insurance, the Character Counts Coalition, American School Counselor Association, and National Association of Elementary School Principals to teach your class about respect and responsibility.

- 25-minute video tells the story of four children who learn appropriate behaviors through the powers of thought, word and deed
- Related activities are also available by appropriate age level and are flexible to help teach these objectives.

IN SEARCH OF CHARACTER VIDEOS (8-12)

These videos spotlight ten core virtues that help teens develop into caring, respectful, responsible people who make choices based on what is right, rather than what is easy. In this series, viewers take a fun, behind-the-scenes peek at the Dr. Mike Radio Show, where callers explore different aspects of character with Dr. Mike and his co-host, Anika Noni Rose. Listen in on the lively, thoughtful and revealing discussions of high school students from around the country. Watch inspiring documentary profiles of young people who exemplify the power of good character in the real world. These videos were produced in cooperation with the Character Counts! Coalition. There are ten 30-minute videos. Program titles of the videos are: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, citizenship, honesty, courage, diligence and integrity.

INSIDE OUT (K-6)

This curriculum was designed by State Farm Insurance, American School Counselor Association, and National Association of Elementary School Principals to help you teach your class about health and safety.

- 30-minute video and accompanying activities take a whole-person approach to well-being and suggest ways to explore, with your students, the internal and external factors that influence our health

CAREER EXPLORATION

These curricula were designed by Jist Works publications in order to help students make plans for future careers and make wise decisions in their education. Both curricula meet the SCANS (Secretary's Commission on Achieving Necessary Skills) competencies developed as a result of the school-to-work initiative.

● *Dream Catchers (4-6)*

- The teacher's guide provides tips, techniques and specific activities for structuring a career awareness program for students in the intermediate grades. It is designed to support the student book, and will help structure individual or class activities.
- The student guide will help youth consider what is most important in their future career, education, and life. It has a lot of activities to help the student become more aware of important life issues and help them learn the skills needed to plan their future. It develops and awareness of the world of work, relates schoolwork to the world of work, and helps in planning to improve academic achievement.
- A set of 75 activity sheets are available. These are designed to enhance concepts explored in the student workbook.

- ***Pathfinder (7-12)***

- The teacher's guide was written to accompany the student book for junior high and high school students. It provides group activities, worksheets, assignments, and related materials to assist the instructor.
- The student guide will help the student plan for life after graduation. It provides information on scheduling courses and activities, planning for additional training and education after college, and developing an individual career plan.

CONSUMER CRITTERS (3-8)

This project uses animal characters to teach children the value of money and be responsible for spending, sharing and saving it safely. How these rookie consumers learn to handle money now will influence their abilities to manage money in a desirable way in adolescence and adulthood.

- Lessons 1-6 can be used individually or all together. Each lesson has a number of fun and innovative learning activities designed to assist you with teaching this lesson to a range of age groups. The activities vary in length and meet a variety of objectives. You may use all activities provided, or choose only one or two that meet your needs and situation. (Each lesson activity includes a learning activity, objectives, materials needed, and the amount of time that should be allowed.)
 - Lesson 1: Meeting Wants and Needs (6 activities)
 - Lesson 2: Economic Energy (7 activities)
 - Lesson 3: Money Management (6 activities)
 - Lesson 4: Consumer Rights and Responsibilities (8 activities)
 - Lesson 5: Shopping Skills (5 activities)
 - Lesson 6: Environment (7 activities)
- 25-minute video for teachers with tips for using this curriculum

NEXT GENERATION: INSURING YOUR FUTURE (9-12)

The Life and Health Insurance Foundation for Education (LIFE) is a non-profit organization that addresses the public's need for information about life, health, and disability insurance. Insurance affects people of all ages. If young people understand insurance today, they will be smarter consumers tomorrow. *Next Generation: Insuring Your Future* has been designed to help you introduce your students to the basics of insurance in a straightforward manner. There is an educator's guide, video, teaching the student magazine and a teaching poster available with this curriculum. There are four basic topics covered: an introduction to insurance, a lesson in life, honing in on health and disability dynamics.

MASTER YOUR FUTURE (9-12)

MASTERCARD International has developed the “Master Your Future” program to help educators address financial responsibility in the classroom. It has one a number of major awards for excellence.

- 15-minute video and 12-page teacher’s guide covers budgeting, checking and savings, credit and credit history

HIGH SCHOOL FINANCIAL PLANNING PROGRAM (9-12)

This is a six unit program that acquaints students with basic financial planning concepts and illustrates how these concepts apply to everyday life. The six units include, understanding the financial planning process, how income affects your goals, managing income and credit, owning and protecting your assets, saving to achieve your financial goals, and taking control with your own financial plan.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT (7-12)

This curriculum was developed by Extension specialists to promote county government awareness in youth.

- This includes four major topic areas:
 - Overview of County Government (4 lessons)
 - County Finance (3 lessons)
 - County Legal Systems in Texas (3 lessons)
 - Elections and Voting (7 lessons)

A PLACE OF YOUR OWN (9-12)

There are eight self-contained lesson plans that promote positive, developmental living skills for youth. You can use the lessons individually to highlight specific areas. Each lesson has four parts: an introductory page describing the overall objectives; comprehensive print materials to support the unit subject; a conclusion page with suggested group or independent student activities; and handouts to be used with the activities. The eight lessons cover the floor plan, the art of budgeting, furniture and its care, floors and their care, the dirt on laundry care, insect control, air quality, and bathroom/kitchen cleaning.

HATCHING IN THE CLASSROOM (K-3)

This curriculum was designed by Extension specialists to teach youth about the miracle of a chicken's (or other poultry's) life.

- The Teacher's Guide provides information about how to successfully incubate and hatch eggs in the classroom. There is a glossary of highlighted terms, incubation guidelines, as well as other resources available.
- A slide set** is available to accompany the text. It consists of 40 slides about "chicken embryo development." You can select which slides are compatible with your class time and students' grade level.
- A 5-minute video** is also available. It is entitled "Egg to Chick: A Miracle of Life."

ANOTHER AWESOME AEROSOL ADVENTURE (4-10)

This curriculum is designed to introduce students to the basic scientific principles that make aerosol products work. Some of these principles include suspensions, the behavior of gases under pressure, gases as propellants, and the effect of physical changes and chemical reactions. This curriculum includes a teacher guide, student guide, video, and take-apart can.

JUNIOR MASTER GARDENER (3-8)

JMG offers horticultural, environmental science education, leadership and life skill development through fun and creative activities. The curriculum incorporates service learning to promote volunteerism in children. The curriculum is aligned to the TEKS for Math, Science, Social Studies and Language Arts. This is a fantastic curriculum!!! *(Please see the flyer announcing the JMG training on Saturday, October 26 in Lubbock - teachers will receive 5 PDU credits.)*

PLANT DISEASES (9-12)

This curriculum was developed by Extension specialists to provide awareness of plant diseases. This is directed toward students enrolled in agricultural science courses.

- The Teacher's Guide provides eight instructional lessons on:
 - Plant Enemies
 - Disease Causing Microorganisms
 - Methods of Attack
 - Identifying and Classifying Plant Diseases
 - Fungi
 - Bacteria and Viruses
 - Nematodes
 - Prevention and Control
- Brochures are also available (What You Should Know About Plant Diseases - B-995).

SOMETHING'S FISHY (4)**

This is a multi-media module targeting fourth graders with information on aquatic science, sportfishing, aquaculture, water quality and water conservation. The module consists of a display, computer program, lesson activities, videos and water test kits. Pre-test and post-test methodology is used to measure program impact.

PASSENGER SAFETY (K-12)*

A wide variety of lessons can be taught on topics related to passenger safety. Suggestions might include seatbelt safety/occupant protection, school bus safety, bicycle safety, pedestrian safety, All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) safety, aggressive driving, drunk driving, etc.

FROM THE MILK COW TO YOU (K-6)*

This curriculum teaches the important production and processing steps that protect high quality, safety, the good flavor of milk, and what milk does for your body. The National Dairy Council and Dairy Council of Wisconsin have developed this curriculum to promote, educate and encourage consumption of dairy products by youth, as well as adults. The MOBILE DAIRY CLASSROOM also provides a “real life” situation for students to see a cow actually being milked and how the milk is processed in a dairy. (Note: The MOBILE DAIRY CLASSROOM must be scheduled several months ahead of time.)

NUTRITION (K-12)*

FOOD SCIENCE (K-12)*

A variety of curriculum is available in this topic area. We will be happy to accommodate your students by providing them with sound nutrition information.

[Note: Please schedule an extension agent at least two weeks in advance. This is to allow enough time to gather appropriate resources, materials, and prepare an age appropriate lesson.]

HISTORY OF CLOTHING (K-12)*

A variety of curriculum is available in this topic area. We will be happy to accommodate your students by providing them with information about clothing and historic clothing. A lesson about historic clothing or period clothing would be a perfect compliment to a literature or history lesson.

* DENOTES INSTRUCTION BY COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT(S).

**DENOTES THAT THESE MATERIALS WILL REQUIRE AT LEAST 3-4 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY BECAUSE THEY MUST BE ORDERED AND SHIPPED FROM COLLEGE STATION.