Strategic Objective (SO): 1.07 Prepare all students to be College and Career Ready using 21st Century Learning and Teaching.

Topic of SO, e.g., Math, PEAKS, etc.: 21st century skills and preparedness for the future

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Evaluation Plan: Describe steps you will take to determine if you have reached this strategic objective.

Introduce the "Skill Set for Life" and implement use in all content areas. Assessment of writing samples with emphasis on college and career goals. Assess impact of College and Career Fair in registering for next year's courses via survey questions and focus groups. Revise the technology and keyboarding assessments to reflect 21st century skills and preparedness. Monitor student growth from sixth through eighth grades. Are students proficient by the end of eighth grade?

Best Practice Investigation: What information is uncovered looking at best practice in relation to this strategic objective.

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Action Steps What actions will be taken to achieve this SO? Include what staff may need to learn to accomplish this SO.	Who Who will be responsible for what actions?	Timeframe What is a realistic timeframe for each action?
1. Students will refine core writing skills through composition of narrative (6th), expository (8th), and persuasive (7th) writing samples with an emphasis on college and career goals (i.e. resume, letter of interest, personal essay).	Core Teachers, FCS	By Spring 2013
2. Students will utilize technology to enhance learning when appropriate (online resume, Keyboarding, word processing, job exploration, research, etc.).	All Staff	
3. Students will utilize technology to prioritize, plan and manage work toward achieving their career and college goals.	All Staff, Family Consumer Science	
4. Students will explore life and career skills through a school-wide emphasis on "Career & College Ready".	All Staff, Family Consumer Science, Counseling	
5. Staff will receive pro dev on career and college ready standards and implementation.	Administration	

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6. Staff will explore additional funding for technology so that all students can have greater access to use a variety of technology to prepare them for the future.	Library Staff	
7. Staff will continue to teach enrichment offerings during PACE.	Staff, Guest Instructors	

Progress expected by the end of the year:

Technology and keyboarding assessments will be revised to reflect 21st century skills and preparedness. A system for measuring proficiency and monitoring progress will be in place by year's end. This system will be used to identify students who need additional support.

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