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Career and Technical Education Alignment

The Lead4Change curriculum effectively incorporates the Career Ready Practices (CRP) described into its framework, preparing students with essential life and career skills.

Here's how these 12 practices are applied in the Lead4Change curriculum:

1 — **Act as a Responsible and Contributing Citizen and Employee**

Lead4Change instills a sense of responsibility and citizenship in students by encouraging them to engage with their local communities. Students learn to be conscientious of their actions' impacts and make decisions that contribute to the betterment of their teams, families, and communities.

2 — **Apply Appropriate Academic and Technical Skills**

Through Lead4Change projects, students apply their academic knowledge and develop technical skills by addressing real-world community issues, making connections between abstract concepts and practical applications.

3 — **Attend to Personal Health and Financial Well-Being**

Lead4Change emphasizes the importance of personal health and well-being, understanding that these factors are essential for students to contribute effectively to their own career success.

4 — **Communicate Clearly, Effectively, and with Reason**

Effective communication is a key component of the Lead4Change curriculum. Students learn to articulate their thoughts, ideas, and project plans with clarity and purpose, both in written and verbal forms.

5 — **Consider the Environmental, Social, and Economic Impacts of Decisions**

Lead4Change encourages students to make decisions that positively impact their communities and the environment, aligning with the practice of considering the broader consequences of their actions.

6 — **Demonstrate Creativity and Innovation**

Students in Lead4Change are challenged to think creatively and contribute innovative ideas to improve their communities. They learn how to apply unconventional solutions to community issues.

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7   **Employ Valid and Reliable Research Strategies**

Research and information gathering are essential in Lead4Change projects. Students are guided to employ reliable research strategies to inform their actions and decisions.

8   **Utilize Critical Thinking to Make Sense of Problems and Persevere in Solving**

Lead4Change students regularly encounter complex problems in their community projects. They are taught to think critically, investigate root causes, and devise effective solutions, persevering until the problem is resolved.

9   **Model Integrity, Ethical Leadership, and Effective Management**

Leadership and ethical behavior are integral to Lead4Change. Students are encouraged to model integrity and apply insights into human behavior to positively influence their teams and communities.

10   **Plan Education and Career Path Aligned to Personal Goals**

Lead4Change promotes personal ownership of educational and career goals. Students are guided to understand their interests, preferences, and career pathways, with an understanding that ongoing education and experience are essential.

11   **Use Technology to Enhance Productivity**

Technology is integrated into Lead4Change projects to enhance communication. Students learn to leverage technology effectively for the purpose of reaching a shared goal.

12   **Work Productively in Teams While Using Cultural/Global Competence**

Lead4Change emphasizes teamwork and cross-cultural competence. Students learn to contribute positively to teams, recognizing and respecting cultural differences, and seeking to engage and involve all team members effectively.

Incorporating these Career Ready Practices into its curriculum, Lead4Change equips students with a well-rounded set of skills and qualities necessary for success in both their future careers and their roles as responsible and engaged members of society.