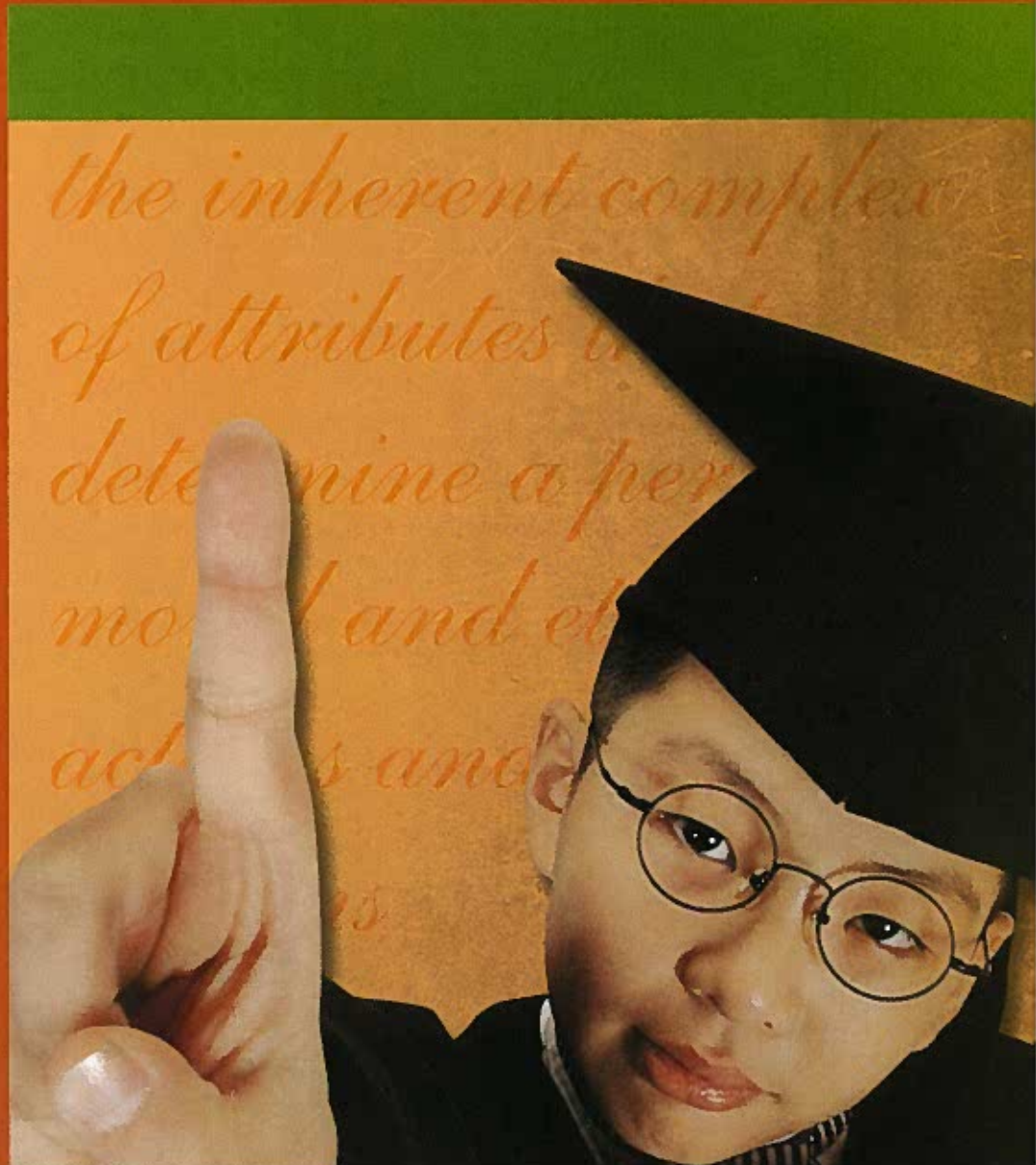


The Programs of Learning for Life

BUILDING TOMORROW'S



WORKFORCE TODAY



THE AIMS OF LEARNING FOR LIFE

Encourage
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for lifelong
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Foster the
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and
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Prepare
tomorrow's
workforce
through
exposure
to career
management
skills.

Develop
engaged
citizens.

Overview of Programs in Instructional Settings

The six instructional-based programs of Learning for Life blend character development, career education, life skills, and academic learning into a comprehensive program geared to reinforce social skills, critical and creative thinking, ethical decision making, conflict resolution, and self-esteem.



Seekers Program for Kindergarten– Grade Two



Discoverers Program for Third- and Fourth-Grade Youth



Challengers Program for Fifth- and Sixth-Grade Students

- Each program features 61 grade-specific and age-appropriate lesson plans that include activity sheets and a home/family activity. The lessons focus on eight character traits and a set of life skills.
- Spanish translations are available for the Seekers and Discoverers programs.
- Student recognitions are an exciting option, including stickers and medals.
- Other value-added features could include drug abuse–prevention education lessons, outdoor experiences, and community role models.
- A variety of youth protection materials are available.



Champions Program for Participants With Mental Challenges

- Two components are *A Resource for Special Needs Classrooms* and the *Champions Transition Program*. Both focus on coping skills and achieving self-sufficiency.
- The teacher's resource edition has 57 lesson plans covering the following:
 - Self-concept
 - Personal/social skills
 - Life skills
- In addition, for high school-age youth, a transitions program is available. This is a supplemental series of 24 progressive lesson plans that help educators prepare youth for a productive role in the workplace.
- The Champions program also has its own recognitions.



Builders Program for Seventh- and Eighth-Grade Students

- The Builders program has 44 lesson plans that concentrate on character education, career education, building relationships, and citizenship. Each grade has its own teacher's edition and student workbooks.
- The Builders program can include community role models who share their personal paths to success to reinforce school relevancy.
- Student participants can be recognized with the Builders Award of Excellence.
- Additional resources may include opportunities for outdoor experiences; *Life Choices: A Character Game* CD-ROM; *Drugs: A Deadly Game*; and youth protection material.



Navigators Program for High School Students

- There are two teacher's books in the Navigators series. One includes lessons on character, service, and citizenship. The second features life skills, career education, and preparation for college life:
 - Book One includes the *Personal Safety Awareness* video, which discusses youth protection issues facing high school students.
 - Book Two includes the *Life Choices: A Career Game* CD-ROM, which presents character situations in which students make choices that could have consequences for their career aspirations.
- Participants can work on the Career Achievement Award as well as the Navigators Career or Character Award of Excellence.
- In addition to the Navigators program, services can include career seminars, career fairs, and the publications *Drug Abuse for Teens* and *Leadership Development Guidebook for Teenage Youth*.



Overview of Worksite-Based Program

Businesses and community groups organize Explorer posts for young people interested in investigating specific careers. Meetings are held at the worksite under the leadership of adults selected by the organization.

Exploring is for young men and women 14 to 20 years old. Participants can work on the Career Achievement Award in one of 12 career clusters.

Exploring programs are based on five areas of emphasis: Career Opportunities, Leadership Experience, Citizenship, Character Education, and Life Skills.

Career Opportunities

Explorers receive firsthand learning experiences from professionals in specific careers at their workplaces.

Leadership Experience

Explorers acquire and apply leadership skills that make the post a youth-run program through elected officers.

Citizenship

Citizenship activities encourage the desire to help others through community service.

Character Education

Explorers discover the ethical decision-making process.

Life Skills

These activities develop positive social interaction and physical and mental fitness.



ENCOURAGE A DESIRE FOR LIFELONG LEARNING

Reinforce Academic Proficiencies

Learning for Life has age-appropriate, grade-specific lesson plans for kindergarten through grade 12 that reinforce

- Language arts
- Science
- Math
- Social studies

Exploring's worksite programs are an age-appropriate experience for high school-age youth that reinforce the need to obtain academic skills for career success.

Develop Communication Abilities

Activities in all seven programs help with verbal, nonverbal, and listening skills.

Enhance Life Skills

Lessons expose students to topics such as

- Health and nutrition
- Hobbies
- Reading
- Time management
- Money management
- Art
- Consumerism
- Pet care

Explorers participate in activities to develop physical fitness, hobbies, and interests.

Champions practice life skills necessary to become active community participants.

Offer Exposure to Healthy Lifestyle Habits

There are lesson themes on caring for our environment.

Through local facilities we provide a wide range of outdoor experiences for all seven programs.

In addition there are resources on

- Physical fitness
- Health
- Personal habits
- Personal safety
- Handling stress
- Youth protection
- Drug abuse-prevention education
- Fire safety

Emphasize Continued Educational Achievement

Learning for Life's recognition components and active learning processes encourage participation. Success is rewarded at all program levels, nurturing the benefits of lifelong learning.



DEVELOP ENGAGED CITIZENS

Increase the Appreciation of the American Democratic System

We encourage civic pride and understanding through topics like

- Diversity
- Civil rights
- Justice system
- Voting and democratic system
- Community
- Exhibiting responsible citizenship
- What is freedom?
- Law and government

Explorers elect their own youth officers in each post.

Participate in Service-Learning Opportunities

Youth are encouraged to conduct age-appropriate community service projects.

Our resources include

- Lessons on the importance of service
- KidServe recognition
- Exploring's citizenship program emphasis

Prepare Responsible Individuals for Each Life Role

Adult leaders can use lessons that develop students' understanding of their roles as members in a

- Family
- Community
- Nation
- Workplace
- Global workplace

The Leadership Development Guidebook for Teenage Youth provides skills to communicate, delegate, and manage roles as leaders.

Explorers experience their future roles as workers and citizens.



The Aims of Learning for Life

FOSTER THE ACQUISITION AND APPLICATION OF PERSONAL AND SOCIAL SKILLS

Build Interpersonal Skills

For grades K–12 as well as Champions, we provide lessons like

- Manners
- Getting along with others
- Teamwork
- Dealing with anger
- Violence prevention
- Conflict resolution
- Diversity

Explorers and Navigators use the ethical dilemma scenarios to analyze their character to make good decisions.

Facilitate Leadership Development

Our resources cover topics such as

- Team building/team leading
- Communication
- Motivation of others through service projects

Explorers elect post officers who run meetings and organize activities.

The *Leadership Development Guidebook for Teenage Youth* is a complete training package, with exposure to life, personal management, and group leadership skills.

Coach Character Development

Lesson plans in K–12 feature these traits

- Respect
- Honesty
- Perseverance
- Self-control
- Responsibility
- Caring
- Courage
- Compassion
- Trust
- Fairness
- Self-discipline
- Empathy

Character education activities allow Navigators and Explorers to connect with their values.

Influence Cultural Competency and Recognition of Diversity

Learning for Life exposes participants to topics that include

- Getting along with others
- Respecting differences
- Ethnic heritage

Teach Problem-Solving and Decision-Making Skills

Our material offers lessons that teach decision-making processes and goal setting.

Ethical dilemmas for Navigators and Explorers are activities to discover how to arrive at a consensus.



PREPARE TOMORROW'S WORKFORCE THROUGH EXPOSURE TO CAREER MANAGEMENT SKILLS

Offer Career Information

Value-added resources can include career fairs, career seminars, and community role model presentations.

Lesson plans highlight specific careers.

The Champions Transitions program provides special-needs participants with information to prepare for work.

Explorers get firsthand career information from professionals at the worksite.

Assist With Career Planning

Lesson plan themes include

- Goal setting
- Personal habits for career success
- Assessment of personal interests, skills, abilities, and strengths
- Post-secondary options
- Entrepreneurship
- Skills and job traits

Champions are exposed to skills that assist with the transition from school to the workforce.

Explorers and Navigators participate in the Career Achievement Award program in one of 12 career clusters.

Present Opportunities for Career Experiences

Exploring offers high school students worksite programs to learn firsthand about careers.

Community role models in the Builders program and career seminars in the Navigators program offer opportunities for classroom presentation.

Develop Employment Skills

Through lesson plans, we expose youth to

- Interviews
- Applications
- Resumes
- Researching occupations
- Character in the workplace
- Teambuilding and leadership

Cultivate the Use of Resources, Information, and Technology

Learning for Life helps students develop

- Computer skills
- Library abilities
- Research skills
- Future workplace skills





Mission Statement

It is the mission of Learning for Life to enable young people to become responsible individuals by teaching positive character traits, career development, leadership, and life skills so they can make ethical choices and achieve their full potential.

Vision Statement

Learning for Life strives to be the foremost coeducational youth program for character and career development.

