

# CURRICULUM STANDARDS & BENCHMARKS FOR GRADES 9–12

## Economics

Understands characteristics of different economic systems, economic institutions, and economic incentives

Understands that the effectiveness of allocation methods can be evaluated by comparing costs and benefits

Understands that in every economic system consumers, producers, workers, savers, and investors respond to incentives in order to allocate their scarce resources to obtain the highest possible return, subject to the institutional constraints of their society

## Business Education: Entrepreneurship

Understands the characteristics and components of a business plan

Knows that developing a business plan is a complex undertaking that involves information related to almost all areas of business

Knows questions that a business plan helps answer

## Life Skills: Life Work

**Manages money effectively**

Prepares and follows a budget

Uses sound buying principles for purchasing goods and services

**Displays reliability and a decent work ethic**

Develops good work habits

Respects authority and is attentive to requests and preferences of supervisor

**Operates effectively within organizations**

Understands the organization's basic goals and values

Understands the extent to which organizational values are compatible with personal values

Develops an action plan that identifies how personal skills can be used to increase organizational effectiveness

## Working with Others

**Contributes to the overall effort of a group**

Works cooperatively within a group to complete tasks, achieve goals, and solve problems

Challenges practices in a group that are not working and proposes measures to enhance team effectiveness

Identifies and uses the individual strengths and interests of others to accomplish team goals

Helps the group establish goals, taking personal responsibility for accomplishing such goals

Evaluates the overall progress of a group toward a goal

**Demonstrates leadership skills**

Understands one's own role as a leader or follower in various situations

Knows a variety of leadership strategies, and knows which strategies to implement in specific situations

Demonstrates and applies leadership skills and qualities

## Technology

**Knows the characteristics and uses of computer hardware and operating systems**

Knows of significant advances in computers and peripherals