

Grade 7
Community Building
Friendship
Conflict Resolution
Sexual Harassment
Self-image

The foundation of the 7th grade Connections curriculum will enhance the concept of community building through exploration of friendships, conflict resolution, sexual harassment, and self image. At the completion of the 7th grade Connections course, students will be able to understand how commonalities and differences contribute to a positive school community, the different levels of intimacy in friendships, the different strategies in dealing with conflict, how power dynamics fuel sexual harassment and the social factors that influence the development of self-image.

- *Students will be able to understand that commonalities and differences contribute to the school community.*

Essential Questions

- How do your similarities and differences with others affect the school community?
- How do these characteristics build a stronger cohesive community?

Knowledge

- Awareness of similarities and differences of classmates
- Diversity enhances the climate of the school community

Skills

- Develop listening skills
- Greater facility with social interactions

- *Students will be able to understand the different levels of intimacy in friendships.*

Essential Question

- What makes some friendships different from others?

Knowledge

- Awareness of how friendships develop and change
- Describe different levels of intimacy on an individual basis

Skills

- Decision making about friendships in your own personal life

- *Students will understand the different strategies in dealing with conflict.*

Essential Question

- In what situations would you use any of the given strategies in dealing with conflict?

Knowledge

- Different types of conflict
- Different types of strategies with which to respond

Skills

- Choose most appropriate strategy in response to conflict

- *Students will understand that power dynamics fuel sexual harassment.*

Essential Question

- How are power and sexual harassment interrelated?

Knowledge

- Definition of sexual harassment
- Know the school's policy and consequences

- Understand the basic need for power

Skills

- Ability to identify sexual harassment
- Ability to respond and/or report sexual harassment

➤ *Students will understand that social factors influence the development of self-image.*

Essential Questions

- How do social factors impact the development of self-image?

Knowledge

- Definition of self-image
- Identify and understand social factors
- Understand how social factors manipulate our choices

Skills

- Recognition of media influences
- Making decisions based on information you've gained