

## Course Outline

School Name:	KEEWAYTINOOK INTERNET HIGH SCHOOL
Department Name:	Social Sciences & Humanities
Ministry of Education Course Title:	Exploring Family Studies
Grade Level:	9
Ministry Course Code:	HIF10

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Developed from: The Ontario Curriculum, Grade 9 and 10 Social Sciences & Humanities, 2013

Text:

Prerequisite: None

Credits: One

Length: 110 hours

Principal's Name: Kevin Dempsey

Principal's Approval (signature) \_\_\_\_\_



Approval Date: 16/09/2016

## ***Course Description/Rationale***

This course explores, within the context of families, some of the fundamental challenges people face: how to meet basic needs, how to relate to others, how to manage resources, and how to become responsible members of society. Students will explore adolescent development and will have opportunities to develop interpersonal, decision-making, and practical skills related to daily life. They will learn about the diverse ways in which families function in Canada and will use research skills as they explore topics related to individual and family needs and resources.

## ***Overall Curriculum Expectations***

### **Research and Inquiry Skills**

- *Exploring*: explore topics related to individual and family needs and resources, and formulate questions to guide their research;
- *Investigating*: create research plans, and locate and select information relevant to their chosen topics, using appropriate research and inquiry methods;
- *Processing Information*: assess, record, analyse, and synthesize information gathered through research and inquiry;
- *Communicating and Reflecting*: communicate the results of their research and inquiry clearly and effectively, and reflect on and evaluate their research, inquiry, and communication skills.

### **Self and Others**

- *Adolescent Development*: describe important changes that are associated with adolescent development, and explain their influence on the behaviour and needs of young people;
- *Relating to Others*: demonstrate an understanding of various types of relationships and of skills and strategies for developing and maintaining healthy relationships;
- *Family Lifestyles*: describe lifestyles in diverse families and the impact of a range of factors, including social and cultural factors, on these lifestyles.

### **Daily Living Skills**

- *Decision Making and Problem Solving*: demonstrate the ability to apply decision-making and problem-solving strategies and skills, particularly within a family context;
- *Managing Resources*: demonstrate an understanding of strategies and skills that can be used to manage resources to meet the needs of the family and its individual members;
- *Practical Skills*: demonstrate an understanding of practical skills and knowledge needed to safely and effectively perform day-to-day tasks that help meet their needs and those of the family.

## Exercising Responsibility

- *Personal Responsibilities*: demonstrate an understanding of their responsibilities related to their personal well-being and that of their family, and of how they can maintain their health and well-being;
- *Family Responsibilities*: describe the functions and responsibilities of families and the diverse ways in which families fulfil them;
- *Consumer Awareness*: describe and demonstrate responsible consumer practices.

## Course Content

Unit	Length
1. Self & Others	32 hours
2. Daily Living Skills	45 hours
3. Exercising Responsibly	33 hours
<b>Total</b>	110 hours

## Unit Descriptions

### Unit 1 – Self and Others

In this unit, students will learn about adolescents and how they relate to others. They will also explore the lifestyles in diverse families and the impact that various factors, such as cultural or social factors, can have on these lifestyles.

### Unit 2 – Daily Living Skills

In Unit Two, students are moving on to explore the skills that an individual would need to meet the daily needs of a family. Students will begin by developing strategies related to decision making and problem-solving. Next, students will explore strategies to managing resources and apply these skills to managing daily schedules, purchasing food, and budgeting money. At the end of the unit, students will apply practical skills related to daily living, such as maintaining a clean and safe home, to their personal lives.

### Unit 3 – Exercising Responsibility

In this unit, students will be exploring responsibility as an individual, within a family, and as a consumer. Students will develop strategies to maintain their health and well-being, as well as

learn about their responsibility as an individual in a family. They will also reflect on the functions of a family and how families fulfill these responsibilities. Lastly, students will develop strategies for making responsible purchases and decisions, and apply these strategies, such as comparison shopping, checking warranties, and household purchases.

## ***Teaching/Learning Strategies***

This course is organized into an eight-week series of lessons and activities that will be presented to students in remote northern communities via the internet. The eighth week will be used for course consolidation, review and the final examination. Teacher and students will communicate over the internet, while mentors in the classrooms will assume the role of liaison between the teacher and student.

A variety of strategies will be used in the online delivery of this course. Practical experiences and simulations related to the real world will provide opportunities for exploring and expanding activities in daily living. Some instructional strategies include:

- Direct instruction (on-line lecture)
- Graphic organizers, mindmaps
- PooDL (both option to listen and create)
- Discussion
- Cooperative learning
- Guided-learning

Learning goals will be discussed at the beginning of each assignment and success criteria will be provided to students. The success criteria are used to develop the assessment tools in this course, including rubrics, checklists, and exemplars

## ***Evaluation***

The final grade will be determined as follows (Ontario Ministry of Education, 2010):

- Seventy per cent of the grade will be based on evaluation conducted throughout the course. This portion of the grade should reflect the student's most consistent level of achievement throughout the course, although special consideration should be given to more recent evidence of achievement.
- Thirty per cent of the grade will be based on a final evaluation administered at or towards the end of the course. This evaluation will be based on evidence from one or a

combination of the following: an examination, a performance, an essay, and/or another method of evaluation suitable to the course content. The final evaluation allows the student an opportunity to demonstrate comprehensive achievement of the overall expectations for the course (p. 47).

Ontario Ministry of Education. (2010). *Growing success: Assessment, evaluation and reporting in Ontario schools*. Toronto ON: Queen's Printer for Ontario.

Type of assessment	Category	Details	Weighting (%)
Formative  (70%)	Knowledge/ Understanding	Organize and follow a Daily Schedule Learn about healthy personal traits and skills (growth mindset, emotional intelligence, listening skills) Learn about verbal and nonverbal forms of communication Identify the characteristics of growth & development in adolescence & explain their influence on behavior and needs of adolescents (mindmap, questions) Learn about different types of families and various family functions Learn about practical life skills (financial literacy)	13
	Thinking	Reflect and make connections about concepts listed above Set personal goals	19
	Communication	Literacy skills (ability to communicate effectively to audience) Create a community resource pamphlet	19
	Application	Prepare a meal plan with budget for a family Demonstrate conflict resolution skills use the internet to locate recipes	19

		create an advertisement for a particular product	
Summative (30%)	Culminating Activity (15%)	Knowledge/Understanding	3
		Thinking	4
	Final Examination (15%)	Communication	4
		Application	4
		Knowledge/Understanding	3
		Thinking	4
		Communication	4
		Application	4
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

## ***Assessment/Evaluation Strategies***

A variety of assessment and evaluation methods, strategies and tools are required as appropriate to the expectation being assessed. These include diagnostic, formative and summative within the course and within each unit.

Assessment information is obtained through a variety of means:

- Online submissions
- Ongoing descriptive feedback, including descriptive feedback on students' preliminary version of their opinion essay
- Small-group conversations to develop understanding, thinking and practice verbal and nonverbal communication skills
- Conversations with student on a regular basis (synchronous and asynchronous)
- Opinion essay/report

- Research project

Evidence of student achievement is collected from various sources:

- Formative products (*for* and *as* learning): oOnline submissions of ideas, reflections, scanned documents
- Summative productions: culminating project and exam
- Observations: discussions between teacher and mentor to determine the student's learning skills, how each student contributes in group discussions, how each student problem-solves
- Conversations: teachers and mentor have discussions with the student to determine each student's knowledge and understanding levels
- Professional judgment: based on teacher and mentor observations and conversations, the teacher can take into consideration overall growth of student's understanding

## ***Resources***

### **Print**

Ontario Ministry of Education. (2010). *Growing success: Assessment, evaluation and reporting in Ontario schools*. Toronto, ON: Queen's Printer for Ontario.

Ontario Ministry of Education. (2007). *The Ontario curriculum grades 11 and 12: English*. Toronto, ON: Queen's Printer for Ontario.

OSSTF. (n.d) *Managing Conflict*. Toronto: OSSTF.

Shoonmaker, B.F. (1996). *Growing Up Caring: Exploring Values & Decision Making*. McGraw-Hill Companies.

Thompson, P.J., Jax, J.A. (1998). *Exploring Life Skills*. EMC Paradigm Publishing.

### **Internet**

Health Canada - <http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca>

Canadian Safety Council - <http://www.safety-council.org>

Partnership for Food Safety Education - <http://www.fightbac.org/>

Canadian Consumer - <http://www.ConsumerReports.org>

OFSHEEA - <http://www.ofsheea.ca/>

## ***Program Planning***

*This course is offered to students living in isolated northern Ontario communities which do not have access to regular high school facilities, equipment or teachers associated with secondary*

education. This course uses the internet for instruction, demonstration and research. It utilizes a student-centered semi-virtual classroom which capitalizes on the strengths of internet program delivery to minimize the disadvantages of geographic remoteness.

Students are presented with 1320 minutes of instruction/activity via the internet over the period of one week. All lessons, assignments, questions and course material is presented in this manner, with approved print materials available as a student resource in each classroom. The student and instructor communicate via the internet, while a classroom mentor (a fully qualified teacher) assists students in completing tasks in a timely manner and provides tutoring as required.