

Explorations

2021-2022 School Year



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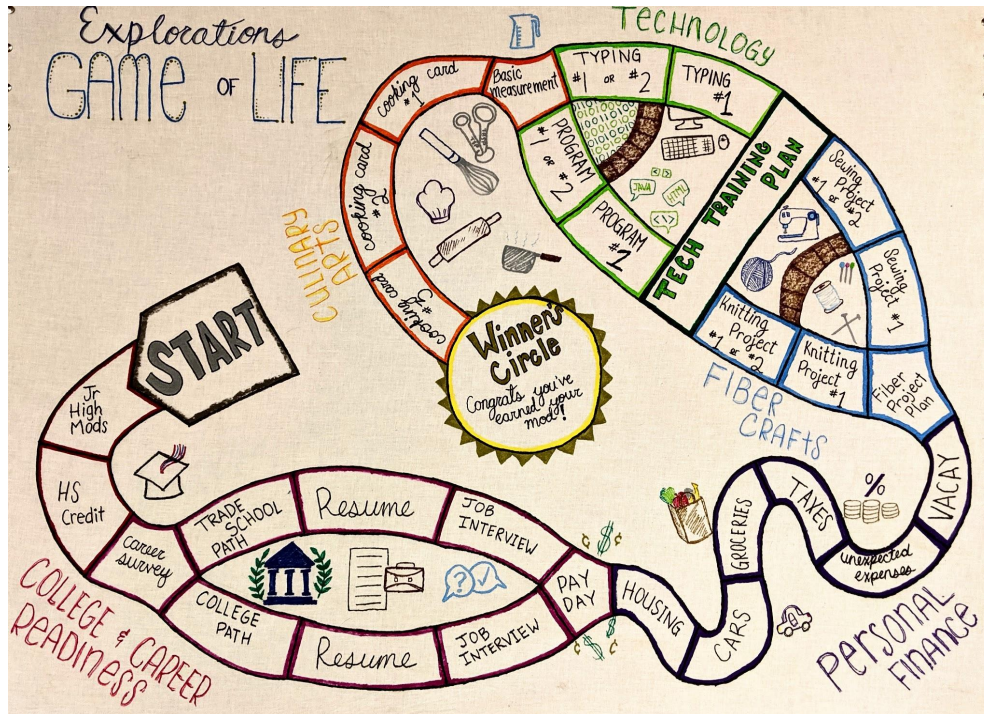
Course Description:

Explorations is a class that is mainly student-led. The priority for this class is for students to have a chance to explore things that they are interested in. My hopes for this class are that it is fun, engaging, and NOT stressful! Especially since this year is going to be semi-unpredictable and may feel overwhelming to some students, the goal for this class is to alleviate some of that anxiety.

The first unit for this course is going to be about art. We are going to be talking about the basics of art, strategies for sketching/drawing, and how we can create our own masterpieces using the fundamentals. Standards covered will be reflective of ODE Visual Arts guidelines.

During the first few weeks of school, students will also be given the opportunity to share their ideas for topics that they would like to cover throughout the rest of the year. This is where the student-led aspect comes into play.

Game of Life will be the elective for the remainder of the semester (about 12 weeks). This specific class was designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills to be able to navigate their future lives. It was inspired by the board game, "Game of Life." Students will "graduate" high school, select a career & go to through the correct post-high school training, and get a job. Then they will budget for their adult life & take a vacation. After that students will learn basic sewing & knitting skills, followed by learning basic typing & programming skills. The last unit is culinary arts where students will be able to measure ingredients & follow directions to create basic meals.



Frequently Asked Questions:

What is a passing grade?

A score of **3 or above** is passing. A 3 is equivalent to a traditional 'C' grade.

How can I read my grades?

Central Linn Jr/High School uses proficiency-based grading. What that means is the "grade" or number that you see reflects how proficient the student is at the Common Core standards that go with that assignment. Here is the breakdown of what each "grade" means:

- Z = Missing assignment
- 0 = Incomplete, not enough evidence to assess
- 1 = Does not yet meet standard
- 2 = Nearly meets standard
- 3 = Meets standard
- 4 = Exceeds standards

How can I check my grades?

To view your grades, check Pinnacle

(centrallinn.grades.lblesd.k12.or.us/pinnacle/gradebook/Logon.aspx). You will get your account information in the first week of school. Both parents and students are encouraged to log in to

Pinnacle frequently to check on assignment scores and to look at upcoming work. Grade Checks will also be sent out via email on a weekly basis.

When/how can students & parents communicate with teachers?

Please contact teachers whenever you need or want to! Each teacher has an e-mail address. You can get that information from the office or our website <http://centrallinn.k12.or.us/>.