

This is a one semester required class for all freshmen.

**ORIENTATION TO LIFE AND CAREERS  
MRS.HANSON/NPHS/2008**

**Description:** This course is designed to equip student learners with the skills and attitudes necessary for a successful high school career and entry into the workforce. Various career areas are examined and explored through a variety of methods such as career assessments, videos, software, research projects, guest speakers, textbook, and self-exploration. In addition, students will learn valuable life skills such as how to write checks and keep an accurate ledger, balance a budget, and evaluate the costs associated with daily living.

**Objectives:** Orientation to Life and Careers is structured for students to learn a great deal about themselves, the world of work, and the importance of education. Furthermore, this course defines what the Career Academies are and how to choose one.

**What is a Career Academy?** Career Academies are small learning communities built around a career theme. New Prairie High School is proud to institute this curriculum enhancing program beginning with the 2005 freshmen class. All freshmen will have the opportunity to choose among the 5 different Academies.

**Why do I need to choose an Academy?** Because each Academy provides a “framework” for selecting courses that will better prepare students for a desired career.

**NPHS MISSION STATEMENT**

Graduates of NPHS will be prepared for post-secondary success.

The freshmen required course, “OLC”, fully enhances and supports the NPHS mission statement through the course outline that is described in this handout.

**SUPPLIES NEEDED:** Each student will be **REQUIRED** to have a 3-ring binder for class, paper, pencils, pens, notebook dividers, and a regular pocket folder to keep all papers in.

**THE 3-RING BINDER AND 12 DIVIDERS ARE DUE THE  
FIRST DAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF SCHOOL!**

## **CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS**

- 1. Come to class on time. (standing outside the door and rushing in after the bell has begun to ring will constitute a tardy. You must be in your seat by the time the bell has finished ringing.)**
- 2. Attend to personal needs before coming to class.(go to the restroom during passing periods)**
- 3. Remain in your assigned seat unless you have permission to get up. (Throw scraps away at the end of the period on your way out. Not complying to this expectation may constitute a written referral)**
- 4. Do not eat candy, food, or drinks during class.(the items will be taken and thrown out)**
- 5. Bring required materials every day. (textbook, paper, workbook, binder, pen, pencil, planner and listening ears)**
- 6. Talk only when permitted.(Be aware of the situation since quiet talking is allowed in some situations and speaking to an entire group requires quiet attention from others.I will remind you once and expect compliance.)**
- 7. Use polite speech and body language. (Unkind teasing and impolite behavior is unacceptable and will have consequences)**
- 8. Absolutely no technical, electrical devices allowed in class.(no ipods, mp3s,cameras,cell phones, ect.) If found, the items will be taken to the office.**

## **OLC CHAPTER OUTLINE FOR SEMESTER**

1: Preparing for Life's Many Tasks

2: Knowing Yourself: Interests and Aptitudes

3: Knowing Yourself: Values and Goals

4: Problem Solving: Making Choices

5: Researching and Understanding Career Information

6: Looking Ahead: Education and Training  
\* The Economics of Staying in School\*

8: Conducting the Job Search

9: Applying and Interviewing for A Job

17: Managing Your Income

18: Being a Wise Consumer

19: Achieving Wellness

### **GRADE SCALE:**

**A+ 100**

**A 99-95**

**A- 94-92**

**B+ 91-89**

**B 88-85**

**B- 84-82**

**C 78-75**

**C- 74-72**

**D+ 71-69**

**D 68-65**

**D- 64-62**

**F 61 and below**

**C+ 81-79**