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School-Connect 4.0 Alignment with Arizona's Character Education Guidelines

School-Connect aligns well with Arizona and other states' character education initiatives. Character education introduces students to character traits and personal skills that help them to be citizens who are trustworthy, responsible, and caring. School-Connect lessons include activities, discussions, and visual media to illustrate and reinforce the application of the character traits. The character traits and personal skills reflect positive beliefs, attitudes, and mindsets; provide opportunities for self-reflection; and permit students to apply effective strategies to make decisions, solve problems, and behave responsibly.

School-Connect addresses Arizona's recommended character traits in the following lessons:

Attentiveness	3.4: Optimizing In-class Learning 3.5: Managing Time and Priorities	3.6: Overcoming Procrastination 11.6: Organizing Your Time & Priorities
Caring	2.5: Connecting with Peers 2.6: Communicating with Adults 4.2: Collaborating Effectively 4.3: Disagreeing Respectfully 4.6: Negotiating Within Groups 5.1: Valuing Community and Cultural Wealth 5.2: Working Toward Empathy 5.3: Checking for Blind Spots 5.4: Appreciating Diversity	5.5: Branching Outside Your Social Circle 5.6: Advocating for Others 6.1: Developing Positive Relationships 6.7: Forgiving Others & Ourselves 6.8: Understanding Healthy Dating 8.5: Breaking Through Loneliness 10.6: Problem Solving in the Workplace 12.4: Living on Your Own & with Roommates
Citizenship	1.7: Checking in on Ourselves and Others 1.9: Agreeing on a Class Contract (PBL) 2.3: Tuning In to Others 2.4: Using Active Listening 2.5: Connecting with Peers 2.6: Communicating with Adults 4.2: Collaborating Effectively 4.3: Disagreeing Respectfully 4.5: Agreeing on Group Responsibilities 4.6: Negotiating Within Groups 4.9: Presenting a Service Project Plan (PBL) 5.1: Valuing Community and Cultural Wealth 5.2: Working Toward Empathy 5.3: Checking for Blind Spots 5.4: Appreciating Diversity 5.5: Branching Outside Your Social Circle	5.6: Advocating for Others 5.7: Skill-building for Challenging Conversations 5.8: Becoming Change Agents 5.9: Envisioning More Inclusive Communities (PBL) 6.1: Developing Positive Relationships 8.6: Recognizing When You/Others Need Help 8.7: Practicing Self-Care 8.9: Raising Awareness for Mental Health/Wellness (PBL) 9.5: Stopping Distracted Driving 10.3: Developing a Work Ethic 10.4: Practicing Teamwork 10.5: Providing Customer Service
Compassion	1.7: Checking in on Ourselves and Others 2.3: Tuning In to Others 2.4: Using Active Listening 2.5: Connecting with Peers 5.2: Working Toward Empathy 5.3: Checking for Blind Spots 6.1: Developing Positive Relationships 7.1: Recognizing Character Strengths	8.6: Recognizing When You/Others Need Help 10.5: Providing Customer Service 12.4: Living on Your Own & with Roommates 12.6: Being a Life Partner 12.7: Considering Parenting

NOTE: Some lessons include multiple competencies used simultaneously (e.g., caring, responsibility) and are therefore listed more than once.

Diligence	1.6: Setting up for School Success 2.8: Preparing for Presentations 3.4: Optimizing In-class Learning 3.5: Managing Time and Priorities 3.6: Overcoming Procrastination 3.7: Maximizing Out-of-class Learning 3.8: Making the Most of Test Prep	4.7: Practicing Group Work 7.7: Setting Life Goals 7.8: Mapping Your Plan 10.5: Providing Customer Service 11.3: Motivating Yourself & Moving Forward 11.6: Organizing Your Time & Priorities
Discernment	1.4: Understanding Your Brain 1.7: Checking in on Ourselves and Others 1.9: Agreeing on a Class Contract (PBL) 2.7: Giving and Receiving Feedback 3.4: Optimizing In-class Learning 4.3: Disagreeing Respectfully 4.5: Agreeing on Group Responsibilities 4.8: Reflecting on Lessons Learned 5.6: Advocating for Others 6.6: Making a Sincere Apology	7.7: Setting Life Goals 8.6: Recognizing When You/Others Need Help 10.3: Developing a Work Ethic 11.1: Thinking Ahead About Life After High School 11.8: Applying for Financial Aid 12.1: Owning Adult Responsibilities 12.3: Understanding Financial Literacy
Fairness	1.7: Checking in on Ourselves and Others 1.9: Agreeing on a Class Contract (PBL) 4.1: Preparing for Group Projects 4.2: Collaborating Effectively 4.3: Disagreeing Respectfully 4.4: Brainstorming and Idea Building 4.5: Agreeing on Group Responsibilities	4.6: Negotiating Within Groups 4.7: Practicing Group Work 4.8: Reflecting on Lessons Learned 4.9: Presenting a Service Project Plan (PBL) 10.4: Practicing Teamwork
Forgiveness	6.6: Making a Sincere Apology	6.7: Forgiving Others & Ourselves
Generosity	4.9: Presenting a Service Project Plan (PBL) 5.8: Becoming Change Agents 5.9: Envisioning More Inclusive Communities (PBL) 6.1: Developing Positive Relationships	8.8: Cultivating Hope and Happiness 12.1: Owning Adult Responsibilities 12.2: Building a Budget 12.8: Contributing to Your Country 12.9: Launching into Adulthood (PBL)
Gratefulness	1.7: Checking in on Ourselves and Others 1.8: Finding Calm 2.6: Communicating with Adults	7.1: Recognizing Character Strengths 7.6: Envisioning Your Future 11.9: Celebrating Your Progress (PBL)
Initiative	1.6: Setting up for School Success 3.1: Goal-Setting for School Success 3.7: Maximizing Out-of-class Learning 3.8: Making the Most of Test Prep	7.7: Setting Life Goals 10.3: Developing a Work Ethic 12.1: Owning Adult Responsibilities
Integrity	1.5: Growing and Improving 4.5: Agreeing on Group Responsibilities 4.6: Negotiating Within Groups	4.7: Practicing Group Work 10.6: Problem Solving in the Workplace 12.5: Choosing Wisely
Obedience	2.4: Using Active Listening 2.6: Communicating with Adults 2.7: Giving and Receiving Feedback 3.4: Optimizing In-class Learning	12.1: Owning Adult Responsibilities 12.5: Choosing Wisely 12.8: Contributing to Your Country 12.9: Launching into Adulthood (PBL)
Orderliness	3.4: Optimizing In-class Learning 3.5: Managing Time and Priorities 3.6: Overcoming Procrastination	11.3: Motivating Yourself & Moving Forward 12.2: Building a Budget

	3.7: Maximizing Out-of-class Learning 3.8: Making the Most of Test Prep	12.3: Understanding Financial Literacy 12.4: Living on Your Own & with Roommates

Respect	1.9: Agreeing on a Class Contract (PBL)
	2.6: Communicating with Adults
	2.7: Giving and Receiving Feedback
	4.2: Collaborating Effectively
	4.3: Disagreeing Respectfully
	4.5: Agreeing on Group Responsibilities
	5.1: Valuing Community and Cultural Wealth
	5.2: Working Toward Empathy
	5.3: Checking for Blind Spots
	5.4: Appreciating Diversity
	5.6: Advocating for Others
	5.9: Envisioning More Inclusive Communities
	  (PBL)
	6.1: Developing Positive Relationships
		6.5: Using Problem-solving Strategies
		7.1: Recognizing Character Strengths
		10.4: Practicing Teamwork
		10.5: Providing Customer Service
		10.6: Problem Solving in the Workplace
		10.7: Responding to Feedback
		12.1: Owning Adult Responsibilities
		12.4: Living on Your Own & with
		  Roommates
		12.5: Choosing Wisely
		12.6: Being a Life Partner
		12.7: Considering Parenting
		12.8: Contributing to Your Country
		12.9: Launching into Adulthood (PBL)

Responsibility	1.6: Setting up for School Success
	2.1: Creating First Impressions
	2.2: Reviving Digital Zombies
	2.8: Preparing for Presentations
	3.1: Goal-Setting for School Success
	3.4: Optimizing In-class Learning
	3.5: Managing Time and Priorities
	3.6: Overcoming Procrastination
	3.7: Maximizing Out-of-class Learning
	3.8: Making the Most of Test Prep
	4.5: Agreeing on Group Responsibilities
	4.6: Negotiating Within Groups
	4.7: Practicing Group Work
	6.5: Using Problem-solving Strategies
	6.8: Understanding Healthy Dating
	7.3: Forging Your Path
	7.4: Exploring Career Options
	7.5: Planning for College/Post-Secondary
	  Education
	7.7: Setting Life Goals
	7.8: Mapping Your Plan
	8.6: Recognizing When You/Others Need
	  Help
	8.7: Practicing Self-Care
		9.5: Stopping Distracted Driving
		10.3: Developing a Work Ethic
		10.5: Providing Customer Service
		10.6: Problem Solving in the Workplace
		10.7: Responding to Feedback
		10.8: Advocating for Yourself
		11.1: Thinking Ahead About Life After
		  High School
		11.2: Charting Your Future
		11.3: Motivating Yourself & Moving
		  Forward
		11.4: Navigating College Applications
		11.5: Writing Your College Essays
		11.6: Organizing Your Time & Priorities
		11.8: Applying for Financial Aid
		12.1: Owning Adult Responsibilities
		12.2: Building a Budget
		12.3: Understanding Financial Literacy
		12.4: Living on Your Own & with
		  Roommates
		12.5: Choosing Wisely
		12.7: Considering Parenting
		12.8: Contributing to Your Country

Sincerity	*Think-Pair-Share and interactive activities embedded throughout School-Connect 4.0 give students opportunities to get to know each other, build rapport, and ultimately build trust.* 6.1: Developing Positive Relationships 6.9: Applying Relationship-Strengthening Skills (PBL)	7.1: Recognizing Character Strengths 7.2: Being Your True Self
Trustworthiness	4.2: Collaborating Effectively 4.3: Disagreeing Respectfully 6.1: Developing Positive Relationships	7.1: Recognizing Character Strengths 7.2: Being Your True Self 10.5: Providing Customer Service

	6.2: Being Aware of Personality Styles	11.3: Motivating Yourself & Moving Forward
Virtue	5.7: Skill-building for Challenging Conversations 6.3: Monitoring & Managing Emotions 6.4: De-escalating Conflict 6.5: Using Problem-solving Strategies	8.2: Understanding the Power of Thought 9.5: Distracted Driving 9.7: Cyberbullying 10.6: Problem Solving in the Workplace 12.5: Choosing Wisely
Wisdom	1.5: Growing and Improving 3.2: Applying Growth Mindset 3.3: Bouncing Back from Setbacks 6.5: Using Problem-solving Strategies 7.7: Setting Life Goals	11.1: Thinking Ahead About Life After High School 11.2: Charting Your Future 11.3: Motivating Yourself & Moving Forward 12.5: Choosing Wisely