All students in this class will be required to complete an End-of-Course project. This slide presentation will provide you with a variety of project options.
Presentation Notes
End-of-Course Project Options Career Portals
Teacher note: The next five slides reflect the lesson terms and definitions found in the lesson Word Wall.

Has anyone ever heard the term critical thinking? Phrase the definition in your own words. Have students give examples of when critical thinking would be necessary.
Your end-of-course project will be cumulative. What does that mean?
What information did you learn in this class that you would consider essential?
When do we use problem-solving skills? Why is it important to be able to find solutions or solve problems on our own?
Your project will be considered project-based learning, meaning the project you choose will be hands-on and based on activities that interest you.
Recommended

Worthy of acceptance

YES
The Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) are a set of guidelines set by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for teachers to go by when constructing lesson plans.
The TEKS contain the knowledge and skills statement for the student and the student expectations.
TEKS 1 contains student expectations concerning career clusters.
Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for Career Portals

(2) The student explores pathways of interest within one or more career clusters. The student is expected to:
(A) investigate career opportunities within the pathways
(B) explore careers of personal interest
(C) research the academic requirements for careers of personal interest
(D) research the certification or educational requirements for careers of personal interest
(E) describe the technical-skill requirements for careers of personal interest

TEKS 2 contains student expectations concerning career pathways.
TEKS 3 contains student expectations concerning programs of study.
Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for Career Portals

(4) The student explores the professional skills needed for college and career success. The student is expected to:
(A) articulate the importance of strong academic skills to meet personal academic and career goals
(B) explore the importance of curricular, extracurricular, career preparation and extended learning experiences
(C) develop a personal six- or eight-year achievement plan that incorporates rigorous academic and relevant enrichment courses
(D) explore the steps required to participate in a variety of career and educational opportunities, including, but not limited to, entry-level employment, military service, apprenticeships, community and technical colleges and universities

TEKS 4 contains student expectations concerning career skills.
Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for Career Portals

(4) The student explores the professional skills needed for college and career success. The student is expected to:
(E) identify professional associations affiliated with a specified program of study
(F) employ effective leadership, teamwork and conflict management
(G) recognize the value of community service and volunteerism
(H) demonstrate characteristics required for personal and professional success, including work ethics, integrity, dedication, perseverance and the ability to interact with a diverse population

TEKS 4 contains student expectations concerning career skills.
TEKS 5 contains student expectations concerning financial management.
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TEKS 6 contains student expectations concerning the job market.
TEKS 7 contains student expectations concerning job-seeking skills.
TEKS 8 contains student expectations concerning creating professional documents.
Distribute End-of-Course Project Options Map. Inform students that they will be viewing several End-of-Course Project Options but will only be required to complete one project before the end of the school year.
Create a diary over the span of seven days describing what the professional would do each day of the week. Other career options could be used as well.
Open a New School

Imagine, as an administrator, you are to open a new school within your district. What plans, policies or procedures would you make to ensure this school was unique and different from other schools within your district?

Think about the unit on the Education and Training Career Cluster. What plans, policies or procedures would you make and execute to ensure this school was unique and different from other schools within your district?
Pick an administrator, such as the principal or dean of instruction, or a professional support service staff member, such as a teacher’s aide, to job shadow. With his or her permission, job shadow the person for a week while journaling your thoughts about the profession and daily duties of the career.
Service Learning Project

- Homework Helpers
- Start a Peer Assistance and Leadership (PALS) Program
- Random Acts of Kindness Week
- Create student-made books

Service Learning Projects can benefit all individuals involved: students, parents, teachers and community members.

Homework Helpers is a group of students who share specific areas of expertise (computer skills, math, English or art) and help tutor younger grade levels.

PALS pairs middle or high school students with elementary students for tutoring. For more information, visit http://palusa.org.

Celebrate and promote Random Acts of Kindness Week.

Create student-made books to donate to an early childhood or Head Start facility. These pre-reading books can consist of menus, logos, and pictures of places in the neighborhood that would be familiar to the children. Simply laminate the pictures or place them in plastic sleeves. Add cardboard covers (cereal boxes work well) and rings to create an “I Can Read” book for two- and three-year-olds.
Research

- Benefits of technology in the classroom
- Various careers discussed in class
- Consumer rights

Research and present your information to the class using online digital media such as Prezi™, Piktochart, Glogster© and more.
There are many free educational apps teachers can utilize in the classroom. Look for educational apps for teachers and explain the benefits of each.
Create a syllabus to use as guides for a specific course using syllabi gathered from a variety of teachers.
Create a poster or other multimedia presentation designed to educate older adults on how to adjust their food budgets while still maintaining the nutrition necessary to support good health.
Couponing is a new craze that is sweeping across America through the help of T.V. shows such as TLC’s Extreme Couponing. Demonstrate how a family of four can effectively maximize their dollars at the grocery store.
Create an anti-bullying video that describes the different types of bullying and how to prevent bullying.
Create a brochure for parents and teachers on early warning signs of some common issues that may require early intervention, such as autism, ADD, ADHD or developmental delay.
Create a Glogster© or other multimedia presentation about the developmental milestones during infancy, for preschool-aged children or for school-aged children.
Develop a toy and/or game for young children that encourages specific developmental skills. Folder games are an interesting and easy way to highlight such skills.
Design a series of Public Service Announcements (PSAs) on topics such as the importance of the family unit, volunteering, bullying prevention, health and wellness and violence prevention.
Investigate cosmetology schools to obtain information about the requirements of their programs, including length of education, admissions, financial aid information and training.
Compare and contrast three different hotels for a vacation within the same city. Include amenities, cost, specials and hotel points.
Plan and calculate the cost of a trip to Disney World for a family of five for five days.
Research health-related illnesses such as diabetes, high blood pressure or high cholesterol, and present your findings to the class.
Plan and create a meal that demonstrates dinner etiquette to a group of students.
Write, produce and film a promotional video for your town.
Allow students to generate additional project options that are not on the slide presentation.
Questions?
References and Resources

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  - AchieveTexas: A college and career initiative designed to help students (and their parents) make wise education choices. It is based on the belief that the curricula of the 21st century should combine rigorous academics and relevant career education.
  - Texas Education Agency: Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills. The mission of the Texas Education Agency is to provide leadership, guidance, and resources to help schools meet the educational needs of all students.
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