

Kennedy Junior High School

Course Descriptor for Family and Consumer Science

Our Family and Consumer Science exploratory empower individuals to creatively manage living and working in a diverse, global society. The curriculum addresses challenges students will encounter throughout their lives: balancing personal, home, family and work lives, acquiring marketable skills for success, developing employment and career readiness, understanding optimal nutrition for personal wellness and managing resources to meet the material needs of individuals and families. FACS provides an engaging, dynamic and challenging learning environment using PROJECT-BASED LEARNING to develop needed life skills that can be applied in student lives today and on into the future.

- The FACS curriculum is learning at the highest level, application. Students acquire sought after skills in problem solving, collaboration, time-management, organization and evaluation.
- The FACS curriculum engages students so that they can develop life-long skills to be self-directed learners, collaborative workers, complex thinkers, quality producers and community contributors. The FACS program, through a variety of enriching and enjoyable learning experiences, inspires students to relate classroom learning to real-life application.

Future FACS Course Offerings for Applied Arts and Sciences

7th Grade FACS

The seventh-grade FACS students will examine, discover, explore, and create, as they develop life-long skills to support independence, family, and future career choices. The curriculum includes basic sewing machine skills, design, clothing construction techniques, and building entrepreneurship skills. Students will also learn communication and collaboration tools for success, and strengthen friendships in middle school. Financial literacy skills are addressed, as students learn how to create a budget, compare products through spreadsheets, and analyze the differences between credit and debit cards. Lastly, students will develop food preparation techniques and understand nutrition and healthy food choices. Student explorations built in FACS create a springboard to developing creative careers.

8th Grade FACS

Students will build on and advance their skills within the 8th-grade FACS program. Project-based learning inspires creative problem-solving and like real life, students collaborate for success. The curriculum includes: building entrepreneurship skills, day in the life of an Interior Designer, designing, producing, and marketing a personal sports bag. Students will also learn how to strengthen friendships by building empathy. Students will demonstrate advanced techniques in food preparation and nutrition knowledge, through an International Culinary Unit. Within each unit of study, students will uncover connections to multitudes of associated career and educational opportunities.