Department of Teaching & Learning  
Parent/Student Course Information

Keyboarding  
(BE 6151)  
One-half Credit, One Semester  
Grades 8

Counselors are available to assist parents and students with course selections and career planning. Parents may arrange to meet with the counselor by calling the school’s guidance department.

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course is designed for secondary school students to develop and enhance touch skills for entering alphabetic, numeric and symbol information on a keyboard. Students compose and produce personal, educational and professional documents.

CERTIFICATION
None

STUDENT ORGANIZATION
The Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) is the co-curricular organization for secondary Business and Information Technology students. The organization enhances occupational preparation for students by helping them attain the following goals: leadership skills; knowledge of the American enterprise system; self-confidence; improvement of home, business, and community; scholarship; citizenship; and career goals.

PREREQUISITE
None

OPTIONS FOR NEXT COURSE
Desktop, Multimedia & Web Technologies

REQUIRED STUDENT TEXTBOOK
None
COMPETENCIES FOR KEYBOARDING

Demonstrating Workplace Readiness Skills: Personal Qualities and People Skills
001 Demonstrate positive work ethic.
002 Demonstrate integrity.
003 Demonstrate teamwork skills.
004 Demonstrate self-representation skills.
005 Demonstrate diversity awareness.
006 Demonstrate conflict-resolution skills.
007 Demonstrate creativity and resourcefulness.

Demonstrating Workplace Readiness Skills: Professional Knowledge and Skills
008 Demonstrate effective speaking and listening skills.
009 Demonstrate effective reading and writing skills.
010 Demonstrate critical-thinking and problem-solving skills.
011 Demonstrate healthy behaviors and safety skills.
012 Demonstrate an understanding of workplace organizations, system and climates.
013 Demonstrate lifelong-learning skills.
014 Demonstrate job-acquisition and advancement skills.
015 Demonstrate time-, task- and resource-management skills.
016 Demonstrate job-specific mathematics skills.
017 Demonstrate customer-service skills.

Demonstrating Workplace Readiness Skills: Technology Knowledge and Skills
018 Demonstrate proficiency with technologies common to a specific occupation.
019 Demonstrate information technology skills.
020 Demonstrate an understanding of Internet use and security issues.
021 Demonstrate telecommunications skills.

Examing All Aspects of an Industry
022 Examine aspects of planning within an industry/organization.
023 Examine aspects of management within an industry/organization.
024 Examine aspects of financial responsibility within an industry/organization.
025 Examine technical and production skills required of workers within an industry/organization.
026 Examine principles of technology that underlie an industry/organization.
027 Examine labor issues related to an industry/organization.
028 Examine community issues related to an industry/organization.
029 Examine health, safety and environmental issues related to an industry/organization.

Addressing Elements of Student Life
030 Identify the purposes and goals of the student organization.
031 Explain the benefits and responsibilities of membership in the student organization as a student and in professional/civic organizations as an adult.
032 Demonstrate leadership skills through participation in student organization activities, such as meetings, programs and projects.
033 Identify Internet safety issues and procedures for complying with acceptable use standards.

Keyboarding
034 Identify computer system components.
035 Describe ergonomic and repetitive strain injury (RSI) guidelines related to safe computer use.
036 Maintain workstation, equipment, materials and supplies.
Boot, access, reboot and shut down an operating system and start and exit software programs.

Use best practices for computer security.

Input data and commands using peripherals (e.g., keyboard, light pen, mouse, scanner, audio/voice input, voice recognition).

Key alphabetic, numeric, and symbol information, using a touch system and correct techniques.

Manipulate data/software/operating system using ribbons, launchers, icons, pull-down menus, mouse and function keys.

Use file external storage device (i.e., Universal Serial Bus [USB] and online (e.g., Google Docs, Web pages, e-mail) management techniques, such as copy, clear cache, move, store, rename, retrieve, save, delete and create/manipulate directories.

Improve keyboarding techniques.

Increase keyboarding speed and accuracy.

Proofread copy, using proofreaders' marks.

Write letters, memos, e-mails, reports, blogs, outlines and tables, using the English writing process steps.

Key and format letters, memos, e-mails, reports, outlines, columns and tables.

Edit copy.

Key, format, and merge addresses on labels and envelopes.

Produce documents incorporating graphic elements, including tables and graphs.

Obtain assistance for preparing documents from electronic and hard-copy references and documentation (e.g., help screen, spell check, user's manual, dictionary, grammar check, thesaurus, Internet search).

Troubleshoot computer problems (e.g., cable hookups, power sources, operational supplies).

Correlate keyboarding skills with the appropriate career pathways.

Develop or update a résumé and an electronic résumé.

Complete an online and/or a written job application form.

Create an electronic and/or hard-copy portfolio containing representative samples of student work.

Identify potential employment barriers for nontraditional groups and ways to overcome the barriers.
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