

LIFECENTER21 - CASE STUDY

Allen Middle School
1108 Glendale Drive
Greensboro, NC 27406

Program: LifeCenter21

Teacher: Gwen Worthington

Grades: 6-8

Enrollment: 781

Course Title: Exploring Life Skills

Year of Installation: 2001

Gwen Worthington, the LifeCenter21 teacher from Allen Middle School in Greensboro, NC, adds personal touches to the program to enhance the “Exploring Life Skills” course.

I have really enjoyed instructing my students with the Life Center computers. One of the benefits is when a student that has been on a module will go and help someone who is presently on that module, when I can't get to them right away. Students teaching other students...What a great thing to see!

Just like all of us, I continue to change and add things to the assessments at the modules. Using the enhancement of current events with the newspaper keeps the information fresh and up-to-date.

Over the years I have collected the best samples from each module and before the students even begin, they get an example of what is expected of them for that module. I have also kept the recordings of former students' advertisements in Consumer Education.

In activity 9, I have added a graphic organizer for the students to fill out of the career descriptions.

Goal Setting and Career Planning: I no longer have them use the mask and paint, but take their picture with the digital camera from Personal Appearance. When their picture with their interests, values, and goals is on the wall, everyone knows who it is, which is something that was not obvious with the mask. Also, there is less of a mess in the classroom, and the students seem to finish on time.

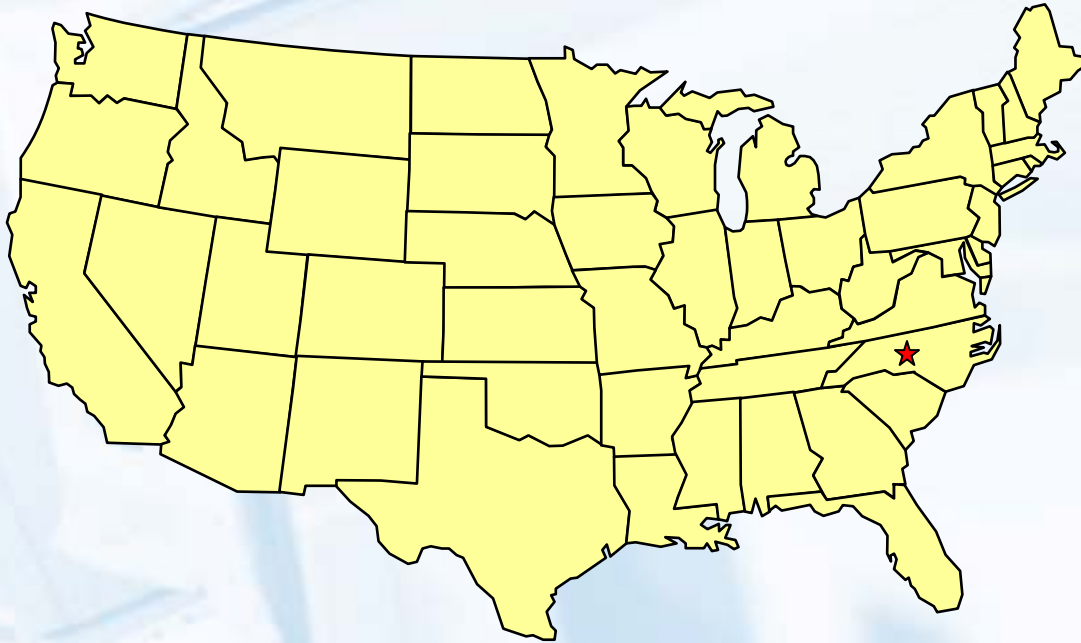
Nutrition and Wellness: On the morning of the day we will be making tortilla pizzas, I open two cans of refried bean, and as Emeril says, “I kick it up a notch” by adding a package of taco seasoning mix. I think the students like it better, and they are still getting their protein without meat.

Child Care: I would like some help and suggestions on Child Care. The students seem to finish this module first. I would like to add some other activities for them to do. I know someone out there has some good suggestions.

I continue to show my lab to teachers interested in switching to the computer modules, and the teachers in my county that have the modules continue to support each other. Thanks for a great educational product!



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