Grade 7 Lesson Plan 4

Unit 7 Mindfulness Yoga

Objectives/Goals
- Analyze the benefits of stress management and stress-reduction techniques. (7.1l)
- Explain the benefits of emotional flexibility, stress management, and stress-reduction techniques for emotional health. (7.2p)

Material

Procedure

Step 1 - Review Mindfulness using exercise and Yoga
- What is Yoga?
- When to use Yoga?
- Exercises
- Yoga poses

Step 2 - Summative Assessment Content
- Benefits (emotional) of managing stress in a healthy way
  - pay attention better
  - be less distracted
  - learn more
  - stay calm under stress
  - avoid getting upset too easily
  - slow down instead of rush
  - listen better to others
  - be more patient
  - get along better
  - gain self-control
  - get tasks finished
  - feel happier and enjoy things more
    (https://teenshealth.org/en/teens/mindfulness.html)

- Breathing exercise (choice)
  - Breathing in and out
- Star breathing
- Rainbow breathing
- Benefits of practice
o makes it easier to be mindful every day.
o helps you feel calmer when stressed.
o helps you focus when you have to something difficult.
o Improves attention
  o (https://teenshealth.org/en/teens/mindfulness.html)

- **BEEMS stress management strategies**
  o B-Balance school-work with activities you enjoy
  o E-Eat healthy foods
  o E- Exercise 60 minutes each day
  o M-Manage responsibilities by keeping a calendar or planning app to keep track of chores, practice, school-work
  o S- Sleep 10 hours of sleep each night.

- **When to use Yoga**
  o Before a test (neck and shoulder rolls, squeeze and relax fingers and hands)
  o While studying (neck and shoulder rolls and tree pose)
  o Before going to bed (Yoga stand, Forward fold)

- **Exercise (See handouts)**
  o Head and Neck Rolls
  o Neck stretch
  o Seated Forward Folds

- **Poses (See handouts)** https://kidshealth.org/en/teens/yoga.html
  o Standing pose
  o Tree pose
  o Warrior pose
  o Easy pose

- **Summative prompts**
  o Alaina and Jeremy are in the band. Alaina plays flute and Jeremy plays percussion. They are both want to audition for the high school band. The competition is strong. Jeremy practices every day but Alaina has to go home to babysit her younger brother. She is stressed because she doesn’t have any time to herself and is thinking of quitting.

Your project must include:

1. Completed BEEMS graphic organizer to analyze how to help Alaina respond to her stress in a healthy way. (7.1l)
2. Using the information on the BEEMS graphic, role play explaining the benefits of coping with the stress in a healthy way, using mindfulness. (7.2p)
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Step 5- End of class assessment

- Exit ticket: Write down one way this unit has helped you cope with stress in a healthy way.

**Assessment Idea**

- Summative: Prompts and BEEM graphic organizer
- Summative: Role Play
- Summative: Demonstration of exercises and Yoga poses

**References**

Handout

- Prompt-Alaina
- Prompt-Jaden
- Prompt-Irene
- Neck Roll
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Yoga Standing Pose

Tadasana Means

It is the primary standing pose of yoga, teaching us how to stand tall, balanced, and composed.
Yoga Tree Pose

Tree Pose

Tree pose is a balancing pose.
Yoga Warrior Pose

Warrior 2

Warrior 2 is a great pose for feeling strong and grounded.
Yoga Easy Pose

Easy Pose

Finish your practice in easy pose and thank your body for its hard work.