The North Carolina Essential Standards for Guidance are organized into the following strands and essential standards.

**SOCIO-EMOTIONAL**

SE.1 Understand the meaning and importance of personal responsibility and self-awareness.
SE.2 Understand the relationship between self and others in the broader world.
SE.3 Use communication strategies effectively for a variety of purposes and audiences.

**COGNITIVE**

C.1 Use creative strategies to make decisions and solve problems.
C.2 Use analytical strategies to understand situations and make appropriate decisions.

**CAREER**

CR.1 Understand the meaning and importance of career self-awareness and career goals.
CR.2 Understand the relationship among career goals and interests, personal interests, aptitudes, and abilities.
CR.3 Understand the relationship among personal and academic decisions, career expectations, and future life decisions.
CR.4 Understand the connection among attendance, collaboration, course selection, grades, grade point average, undergraduate admission, career expectations, and life goals.

**Proficiency Levels**

- Readiness/Exploratory/Discovery (RED)
- Early Emergent/Emergent (EEE)
- Progressing (P)
- Early Independent (EI)
- Independent (I)

**PROFICIENCY LEVEL: READINESS/EXPLORATORY/DISCOVERY**

**SOCIO-EMOTIONAL**

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EEE.SE.1 Understand the meaning and importance of personal responsibility and self-awareness.

- EEE.SE.1.1 Contrast appropriate and inappropriate physical contact.
- EEE.SE.1.2 Illustrate personal responsibility in a variety of settings and situations.

EEE.SE.2 Understand the relationship between self and others in the broader world.

- EEE.SE.2.1 Contrast the influence of self and others in relationship building.
- EEE.SE.2.2 Explain why it is important to follow rules in order to build relationships.
- EEE.SE.2.3 Explain why responsibility, dependability, punctuality, integrity, and effort are important in all aspects of life.
**EEE.SE.3 Use communication strategies effectively for a variety of purposes and audiences.**

EEE.SE.3.1 Use written communication strategies and techniques in communication to share ideas and information with others.

EEE.SE.3.2 Summarize written communications in order to share ideas and information with others.

**COGNITIVE**

**EEE.C.1 Use creative strategies to solve problems.**

EEE.C.1.1 Create strategies for solving problems that have been problems for some time.

EEE.C.1.2 Use creative strategies to achieve academic, personal, social, and professional goals.

**EEE.C.2 Use analytical strategies to understand situations.**

EEE.C.2.1 Analyze problems in terms of the academic, social, personal, and career information needed to solve them.

EEE.C.2.2 Apply critical thinking skills systematically to solve problems and make decisions.

EEE.C.2.3 Predict the consequences of applying analytic strategies in terms of whether they are likely to be positive or negative.

**CAREER**

**EEE.CR.1 Understand the meaning and importance of career self-awareness and career goals.**

EEE.CR.1.1 Explain the importance of planning in career success.

**EEE.CR.2 Understand the relationship among career goals and interests, personal interests, aptitudes, and abilities.**

EEE.CR.2.1 Identify personal preferences and interests that influence career choice and success.

EEE.CR.2.2 Exemplify (give examples of) how personal preferences and interests influence career choice and success.

**EEE.CR.3 Understand the relationship among personal and academic decisions, career expectations, and future life decisions.**

EEE.CR.3.1 Understand the relationship between educational achievement and career success.

EEE.CR.3.2 Exemplify (give examples of) how educational achievement influences career success.

**EEE.CR.4 Understand the connection among attendance, collaboration, course selection, grades, grade point average, undergraduate admission, career expectations, and life goals.**

EEE.CR.4.1 Explain how working cooperatively with others as a team member can influence career choices and success.

EEE.CR.4.2 Explain how attendance, school grades, and GPA are possible indicators of future academic and career success.

**PROFICIENCY LEVEL: EARLY EMERGENT/EMERGENT**

**SOCIO-EMOTIONAL**

**EEE.SE.1 Understand the meaning and importance of personal responsibility and self-awareness.**

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Understand the relationship between self and others in the broader world.
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Use creative strategies to solve problems.
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CAREER

Understand the meaning and importance of career self-awareness and career goals.
EEE.CR.1.1 Explain the importance of planning in career success.

Understand the relationship among career goals and interests, personal interests, aptitudes, and abilities.
EEE.CR.2.1 Identify personal preferences and interests that influence career choice and success.
EEE.CR.2.2 Exemplify (give examples of) how personal preferences and interests influence career choice and success.

Understand the relationship among personal and academic decisions, career expectations, and future life decisions.
EEE.CR.3.1 Understand the relationship between educational achievement and career success.
EEE.CR.3.2 Exemplify (give examples of) how educational achievement influences career success.

Understand the connection among attendance, collaboration, course selection, grades, grade point average, undergraduate admission, career expectations, and life goals.
EEE.CR.4.1 Explain how working cooperatively with others as a team member can influence career choices and success.
EEE.CR.4.2 Explain how attendance, school grades, and GPA are possible indicators of future academic and career success.
PROFICIENCY LEVEL: PROGRESSING

SOCIO-EMOTIONAL

P.SE.1 Understand the meaning and importance of personal responsibility and self-awareness.
   P.SE.1.1 Identify how to set boundaries that maintain personal rights while paying attention to the rights of others.
   P.SE.1.2 Use self-determination to build independence (e.g., work habits, personal productivity, and leadership).

P.SE.2 Understand the relationship between self and others in the broader world.
   P.SE.2.1 Interpret the meaning of self-concept.
   P.SE.2.2 Explain how understanding differences among people can increase self-understanding.
   P.SE.2.3 Use responsible risk-taking behaviors to support positive relationship building.

P.SE.3 Use communication strategies effectively for a variety of purposes and audiences.
   P.SE.3.1 Analyze available resources and strategies to determine those that are most appropriate for communicating to various groups.
   P.SE.3.2 Explain how body language and vocal expression affect the effectiveness of communication.
   P.SE.3.3 Use communication skills that build and sustain relationships with a wide range of people.

COGNITIVE

P.C.1 Use creative strategies to make decisions and solve problems.
   P.C.1.1 Understand how to make adjustments to strategies that are not effective in making decisions or solving problems.
   P.C.1.2 Analyze strategies you have used in the past to determine the most appropriate strategies for solving a current academic problem.

P.C.2 Use analytical strategies to understand situations.
   P.C.2.1 Analyze long-term assignments (e.g., projects and research papers) to determine the most appropriate strategies to use to complete each assignment.
   P.C.2.2 Use time-management and task-management skills to complete academic work of high quality in a timely manner.

CAREER

P.CR.1 Understand the meaning and importance of career self-awareness and career goals.
   P.CR.1.1 Explain how personal skills, interests, and abilities relate to current career plans.
   P.CR.1.2 Develop a competency plan in your chosen career areas.
   P.CR.1.3 Develop skills to locate, evaluate, and interpret career information.

P.CR.2 Understand the relationship among career goals and interests, personal interests, aptitudes, and abilities.
   P.CR.2.1 Maintain a career-planning portfolio.
   P.CR.2.2 Use research and information resources to obtain career information.
P.CR.3 Understand the relationship among personal and academic decisions, career expectations, and future life decisions.
   P.CR.3.1 Describe the effect of work on lifestyle.
   P.CR.3.2 Explain how work can help to achieve personal success and satisfaction.

P.CR.4 Understand the connection among attendance, collaboration, course selection, grades, grade point average, undergraduate admission, career expectations, and life goals.
   P.CR.4.1 Compare the effects of personal and academic decisions upon career goals and life expectations.
   P.CR.4.2 Demonstrate the relationship between course selection in school, grades earned, and attendance with expectations of the world of work in the career fields identified.

**PROFICIENCY LEVEL: EARLY INDEPENDENT**

**SOCIO-EMOTIONAL**

EI.SE.1 Understand the meaning and importance of personal responsibility and self-awareness.
   EI.SE.1.1 Explain the impact of personal responsibility on others.
   EI.SE.1.2 Contrast rights, privileges, and responsibilities.

EI.SE.2 Understand the relationship between self and others in the broader world.
   EI.SE.2.1 Exemplify respect for individual and cultural differences.
   EI.SE.2.2 Understand the importance of dependability, productivity, and initiative when working with others.

EI.SE.3 Use communication strategies to share information effectively for a variety of purposes and audiences.
   EI.SE.3.1 Use communication strategies that are appropriate for the situation and setting.
   EI.SE.3.2 Use conflict management skills to achieve desired outcomes.

**COGNITIVE**

EI.C.1 Use creative strategies to make decisions and solve problems.
   EI.C.1.1 Analyze solution strategies in terms of assumptions and biases.
   EI.C.1.2 Create new and different ways of achieving long-term goals.
   EI.C.1.3 Evaluate the effectiveness of creative strategies in solving problems, making adjustments as necessary.

EI.C.2 Use analytical strategies to understand situations and make appropriate decisions.
   EI.C.2.1 Use analytical strategies appropriately in the areas of career planning, course selection, and career transitions.
   EI.C.2.2 Evaluate the effectiveness of analytical strategies in solving problems, making adjustments as necessary.

**CAREER**

EI.CR.1 Understand the meaning and importance of career self-awareness and career goals.
   EI.CR.1.1 Demonstrate knowledge of the career planning process and its relationship to one’s self-awareness and goals.
   EI.CR.1.2 Analyze your career plan and goals in relationship to your self-awareness and personal goals.
   EI.CR.1.3 Evaluate your career plan and goals in order to make appropriate career plans.
EI.CR.2 Understand the relationship among career goals and interests, personal interests, aptitudes, and abilities.

EI.CR.2.1 Understand how changing economic and societal needs influence employment trends and future training.

EI.CR.2.2 Demonstrate knowledge about the changing workplace and its relationship to your interests, abilities, and aptitudes.

EI.CR.3 Understand the relationship among personal and academic decisions, career expectations, and future life decisions.

EI.CR.3.1 Understand that the changing workplace requires lifelong learning and the ongoing acquisition of new skills.

EI.CR.3.2 Select course work that is related to your career plan.

EI.CR.4 Understand the connection among attendance, collaboration, course selection, grades, grade point average, undergraduate admission, career expectations, and life goals.

EI.CR.4.1 Re-evaluate your educational plan to support appropriate career goals, interests, and abilities.

EI.CR.4.2 Utilize time-management and task-management skills in career planning and goal setting.

PROFICIENCY LEVEL: INDEPENDENT (I)

SOCIO-EMOTIONAL

I.SE.1 Understand the meaning and importance of personal responsibility and self-awareness.

I.SE.1.1 Explain the role of personal responsibility in leadership.

I.SE.1.2 Integrate personal responsibility into the way you live your life on a daily basis.

I.SE.2 Understand the relationship between self and others in the broader world.

I.SE.2.1 Exemplify how peer pressure can be both a negative and positive influence.

I.SE.2.2 Evaluate one's own behaviors in a variety of situations, making adjustments as needed to produce more positive results.

I.SE.2.3 Explain the impact of self-direction, initiative, and self-control on interpersonal relationships.

I.SE.3 Use communication strategies effectively for a variety of purposes and audiences.

I.SE.3.1 Use communication strategies to take a position and to defend a stand on controversial issues.

I.SE.3.2 Use communication strategies that emphasize clarity and precision to achieve desired outcomes.

COGNITIVE

I.C.1 Use creative strategies to make decisions and solve problems.

I.C.1.1 Design new strategies by making modifications to previously used strategies, as needed.

I.C.1.2 Generate ideas for solving novel problems that are based on previous experience and the results of internet research.

I.C.2 Use analytical strategies to understand situations and make appropriate decisions.

I.C.2.1 Compare analytical methods across subject areas (e.g., the scientific method in comparison to geometric proof in comparison to literary analysis).

I.C.2.2 Use past experiences and general information to make decisions in a variety of situations.
CAREER

I.CR.1 Understand the meaning and importance of career self-awareness and career goals.
   I.CR.1.1 Demonstrate respect for individual uniqueness and differences in the workplace.
   I.CR.1.2 Apply appropriate employability skills such as teamwork, problem-solving, and organizational skills when career planning.

I.CR.2 Understand the relationship among career goals and interests, personal interests, aptitudes, and abilities.
   I.CR.2.1 Apply academic and employment readiness skills in work-based learning situations such as internships, shadowing, and/or mentoring experiences.
   I.CR.2.2 Apply job readiness skills to seek employment opportunities and related academic opportunities.

I.CR.3 Understand the relationship among personal and academic decisions, career expectations, and future life decisions.
   I.CR.3.1 Demonstrate how to write an effective résumé and how to use a résumé in a job search.
   I.CR.3.2 Demonstrate the knowledge of the rights and responsibilities of employers and employees.

I.CR.4 Understand the connection among attendance, collaboration, course selection, grades, grade point average, undergraduate admission, career expectations, and life goals.
   I.CR.4.1 Apply decision-making skills when implementing career planning, course selection, and career transition.
   I.CR.4.2 Demonstrate the importance of responsibility, dependability, punctuality, integrity, and effort in the workplace.