A Summary of El Camino Curriculum Lessons

Arc 1: Goal Setting

Lesson 1: State Your Goal: Intro to El Camino

Students will (1) learn about El Camino and how the model of life as a road can help them set and achieve their goals; (2) identify a goal for themselves; and (3) read and discuss a story/novela about Sofia and Santiago, using the *STAR* framework to describe Sofia's and Santiago's goals and steps to reach those goals.

Lesson 2: Think About the Steps: My Life at 25

Students will start to "Think about the steps" that they need to take to achieve their goal and the tools and other resources they have available to them.

Lesson 3: Assert Your *Camino*: Relationships and Decisions

Students will (1) discuss positive and negative road trips that can affect their camino; and (2) learn about warning signs and how to use them to stay on their camino.

Lesson 4: Reach Your Goal: Setting Limits to Stay on Track

Students will (1) continue to discuss warning signs and how road trips can affect their camino; and (2) describe challenges associated with being a young parent.

Arc 2: Sexual and Reproductive Health

Lesson 5: Teen Pregnancy and Understanding How a Pregnancy Occurs

Students will (1) learn about how a pregnancy occurs; (2) learn important facts about pregnancy; and (3) discuss the benefits of delaying pregnancy/parenthood until completing their education and obtaining a good job.

Lesson 6: Preventing Pregnancy: Contraception

Students will (1) learn about highly effective contraception; (2) discuss the benefits of delaying pregnancy; (3) describe how using contraception can help protect their camino; and (4) describe the role men can play in supporting their partners in using hormonal contraception.

Lesson 7: Preventing Pregnancy and STIs: Condoms

Students will (1) describe the benefits of correctly and consistently using condoms; (2) explain the steps to using a condom; (3) explain how using condoms and contraception, if sexually active, supports staying on their camino; and (4) describe the roles men and women can play in using condoms.

Lesson 8: Preventing Pregnancy and Staying on Your Camino

Students will (1) learn about effective hormonal methods of contraception; (2) learn to feel comfortable going to a health care provider and discussing contraception; and (3) learn about how different contraceptives can help protect their camino.

Arc 3: Healthy Relationships

Lesson 9: Assertive Communication: Setting and Protecting Our Personal Limits - Part 1

Students will (1) learn why limit setting is important to keeping on their camino; (2) define passive and assertive communication; (3) learn to set, communicate, and protect limits; and (4) describe how limit setting is part of a healthy relationship.

Lesson 10: Communication: Setting and Protecting Our Personal Limits - Part 2

Students will (1) learn to identify healthy relationship characteristics; (2) understand what characterizes consensual sex; (3) practice use of assertive communication to set and maintain limits; and (4) describe external factors teens face that lead them to have unwanted and/or unprotected sex.

Lesson 11: El Camino and Your Future

Students will (1) complete steps for using the El Camino Goal Map; (2) set, communicate, and maintain limits regarding sex and protected sex with partners; (3) use *STAR* to work toward their goals; and (4) learn how using condoms and contraception, if sexually active, supports the achievement of goals in El Camino maps.

