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Session Details	NH Academic Standards	Common Core ELA
Session One: Entrepreneurs Students learn about the relationship between entrepreneurs, their businesses, and the products and services they offer, then take an entrepreneurial characteristics inventory to assess their own entrepreneurial skills and interests. Objectives: Define entrepreneurship and social entrepreneurship. Identify entrepreneurial characteristics and recognize strengths and areas of potential growth.	Social Studies SS:EC:8:2.2 Explain the elements of entrepreneurship, e.g., idea development, risk-taking, or management skills SS:EC:6:1.2 Explain how specialization and productivity are related. Career Development 6.c Use interest inventories to identify a number of occupational groups for exploration. 7.b Describe, either orally, visually or in writing, how individual preferences and interests influence career choices and success.	RI 6.4,7 SL. 6.1-2 SL. 6 L. 6.1-6 RI 7.3-4 RI.7.7 SL. 7.1-2 SL. 7.4 L. 7.1-6 RI 8.3-4 RI. 8.7 SL. 8.1-2 SL. 8.6 L. 8.1-5
Session Two: Market and Need Students are introduced to young entrepreneurs who have successfully met an identified market need, and then created a new product to meet the need. Students work in groups to brainstorm current needs within different product categories. Objectives: Define market and need. Describe the importance of identifying market and need when entrepreneurs develop new product ideas.	Career Development 1.d Express ideas clearly and concisely. 1.e Recognize when an individual or group does not understand their message and respond appropriately. 1.f Communicate and work effectively with others as active participants and responsive listeners.	RI 6.4,7 SL. 6.1-2 SL. 4 L. 6.1-6 RI 7.3-4 RI.7.7 SL. 7.1-2 SL. 7.6 L. 7.1-6 RI 8.3-4 RI. 8.7 SL. 8.1-2 SL. 8.4 L. 8.1-5
Session Three: Innovative Ideas Students learn about innovative idea generation, and examine cutting edge, innovative new products. Working in groups, students brainstorm their own product ideas and use graphic organizers to capture them. Objectives: Participate in creative idea generation, from brain storming to defending and selecting an idea. Recognize creativity and innovation as necessary entrepreneurial skills for starting a business.	Career Development 1.b Demonstrate the capacity to compare, contrast, and use information presented in written, oral, audio-visual, and graphic forms. 2.b Describe the process used to solve a problem and apply the process to a new problem. 2.d Identify when there is enough information to propose a solution to a problem.	RI 6.4,7 SL. 6.1-2 SL. 4 L. 6.1-6 RI 7.3-4 SL. 7.1-2 SL. 7.64 L. 7.1-6 RI 8.4,7 SL. 8.1-2 SL. 8.4 L. 8.1-5



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Session Four: Market Research Students learn about the importance of obtaining market feedback about a new product idea. Groups practice developing survey questions, test their questions, and discuss ways to revise their questions to obtain more useful feedback about their product ideas. Objectives: Discuss the importance of market research in the product development process. Describe multiple types of survey questions.	Social Studies SS:EC:8:6.2 Describe the rights and responsibilities of buyers and sellers in a free market economy. Career Development 1.a Demonstrate the capacity to use a variety of tools, such as libraries, museums, technology, etc., to enhance learning. 4.b Identify how experience influences attitudes, behaviors and aptitudes.	RI 6.1-2 RI 6.4,7 SL 6.2 SL 6.4 L. 6.1-6 RI 7.1-2 RI.7.4,7 SL 7.2 L. 7.1-6 RI 8.1-2 RI 8.4,7 SL 8.2 L. 8.1-5
Session Five: Design and Prototype Students learn about the product design and prototype process. Each student creates a product sketch to showcase their product idea. Objectives: Represent a product idea and its features by using rough sketches and drawings. Recognize sketches as an important first step in the prototype process.	Career Development 4.a Describe the individual concepts and interests that influence one's decisions.	RI 6.4,7 SL 6.1-2 SL 6.4-7 L. 6.1-6 RI.7.4,7 SL 7.1-2 SL 7.4-5 L. 7.1-6 RI 8.4,7 SL 8.1-2 SL 8.4-5 L. 8.1-5
Session Six: Seek Funding Students learn how to plan and deliver a pitch presentation with the intent of attracting potential investors. In a mock competition, groups pitch their product idea to the volunteer and teacher. Guest judge(s) may be invited to award teams with faux start-up funds. Objectives: Discuss the elements that make a strong pitch presentation to potential investors. Work together to create and deliver a product pitch for potential funding.	Career Development 5.a Demonstrate skills in working cooperatively/collaboratively with others. 5.b Identify and demonstrate team skills that lead to the successful accomplishment of a common goal. 5.f Demonstrate the ability to present facts that support opinion, to listen to dissenting points of view, and to reach a shared decision. 5.g Provide honest and helpful feedback to others in a group project.	RI 6.4,7 SL 6.1-2 SL 6.4-6 L. 6.1-4 RI.7.4,7 W. 7.6-7 SL 7.1-2 SL 76 L. 7.1-4 RI 8.3-4 RI 8.7 W 8.7 SL 8.1-2 SL 8.4-6

