

Curriculum Comparison: Freshman Success vs. Modern Manners & Mental Fortitude

Category	Freshman Success	Your CMP
Main Purpose	Help 9th graders transition into high school by teaching organization, time management, digital tools, and cultural awareness	Equip students (grades 9–12) with leadership skills, emotional intelligence, social etiquette, communication, and mental resilience
Target Group	Freshmen only	Open to all high schoolers (9–12), especially valuable before and during life transitions
Delivery Format	Semester-long homeroom-style support course	Semester-long elective class, not tied to academic remediation or advisory blocks
Core Themes	Organization, tracking grades, personal identity, help-seeking, basic digital tools	Self-regulation, grit, conflict resolution, modern etiquette, public speaking, interpersonal communication, mental health literacy
Intro Activities	Icebreakers, cultural values presentations, Google Drive setup	Opening unit on leadership foundations, self-awareness, emotional regulation
Content Focus	Academic support and transition tools (e.g., grade checks, planners)	Social-emotional intelligence, self-advocacy, situational awareness, manners
Learning Strategies	Ladder action plans, stress bell curve, classroom routines	Journal prompts, reflection exercises, peer leadership models, role-play
Assessment	Lacks detailed assessments or rubrics in the map	Includes sample pacing guide, parent letters, and a clear rubric for feedback
Gospel Integration	None	Yours can optionally include gospel principles like agency, accountability, or identity in Christ when adapted to faith-based schools or homes