

# Blackhawk School District

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## CURRICULUM

**Course Title:** Home Improvement  
**Course Number:** 1023  
**Grade Level(s):** 9-12  
**Length of Course:** 1 year (every other day)  
**Credits:** .5  
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**Date:** January 2010

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### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This is a full year course that meets alternating days of the week. This course is designed to introduce students to the technology and techniques of home remodeling, renovation, and maintenance. Projects will include: room planning and remodeling, furniture repurposing, exploration in plumbing and electrical, and basic home repair.

| COURSE OUTLINE   | OBJECTIVES (PA standard)  | PROPOSED TIME / ACTUAL TIME  | RESOURCES  | LESSON REFLECTION (for future revisions) |
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| <p><b>Intro- class overview</b></p> <p><b>Intro to parts of a home</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plumbing</li> <li>• Roofing</li> <li>• Doors/Windows</li> <li>• Electrical</li> <li>• Cabinets</li> <li>• Furniture</li> <li>• Heating/ Cooling</li> <li>• Furnishings/Fixtures</li> <li>• Foundations</li> <li>• Walls</li> <li>• Safety</li> </ul> <p><b>Foundations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Types</li> <li>• How far does it have to go down</li> <li>• Supports</li> </ul> <p><b>Walls</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stud</li> <li>• Wood</li> <li>• Metal</li> <li>• Load Bearing</li> </ul> <p><b>Plumbing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copper</li> <li>• PVC</li> <li>• Steel</li> </ul> <p><b>Electrical</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wiring a Plug</li> <li>• Wiring a Light</li> <li>• Wiring a Switch</li> <li>• Types of switches and</li> </ul> | <p>3.4.12.A2.<br/>Describe how management is the process of planning, organizing, and controlling work.</p> <p>3.4.12.A3.<br/>Demonstrate how technological progress promotes the advancement of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).</p> <p>3.4.10.B3. Compare and contrast how a number of different factors, such as advertising, the strength of the economy, the goals of a company and the latest fads, contribute to shaping the design of and demand for various technologies.</p> <p>3.4.10.B4.<br/>Recognize that Technological development has been evolutionary, the result of a series of refinements to a basic invention.</p> <p>3.4.12.B1.<br/>Analyze ethical, social, economic, and cultural considerations as related to the development, selection, and use of technologies.</p> <p>3.4.10.C1.<br/>Apply the components of the technological design process.</p> <p>3.4.12.C2.<br/>Apply the concept that engineering design is influenced by personal characteristics, such as creativity, resourcefulness, and the ability to visualize and think abstractly.</p> <p>3.4.12.C3.<br/>Apply the concept that many technological problems require a multi-disciplinary approach.</p> <p>3.4.10.D1.<br/>Refine a design by using prototypes and modeling to</p> | <p>1 Day</p> <p>5 Days</p> <p>6 Days</p> <p>8 Days</p> <p>12 Days</p> <p>12 Days</p> | <p>Handouts</p> <p>Foam Core<br/>Concrete<br/>Block</p> <p>2x4 Studs<br/>Nails<br/>Wood glue</p> <p>Copper Pipe<br/>PVC Pipe<br/>Solder<br/>Soldering<br/>torch</p> <p>Electrical Wire<br/>Outlets<br/>Lights<br/>Switches<br/>Light bulbs</p> |  |

