## **UNIT IV: Gals and Guys**

# **TOPIC B: Dating Dynamics**

### **CONCEPT:**

Dating is an important part of growing up and allows an individual to practice social skills, develop an understanding of members of the opposite gender, and lay a foundation for future mate selection. Understanding the appropriate behavior for social situations makes for a more enjoyable and relaxing dating experience. This allows individuals to become self-confident which can aid in the development of self-esteem.

#### **OBJECTIVE:**

The student will explore the dynamics of dating and understand the purposes and importance of socialization as it applies to dating. The student will also develop an awareness of the importance of social etiquette through role play, contrived situations, and application in an actual social setting.

#### **COMPETENCIES:**

- 1. Examine desirable dating qualities. (1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 1-4, 1-5, 1-6)
- 2. Discuss the reasons/motives for dating. (2-1)
- 3. Recognize personal rights that apply to dating. (3-1)
- 4. Analyze how social etiquette develops qualities to make an individual socially competent in a variety of social settings

  (4-1, 4-2, 4-3, 4-4, 4-5, 4-6, 4-7, 4-8)
- 5. Practice social etiquette techniques. (5-1, 5-2, 5-3, 5-4, 5-5, 5-6)

### Dating:

- is a part of our culture.
- helps you prepare for adulthood and marriage.
- encourages good peer relationships
- helps you learn to evaluate personalities
- makes you aware of the demands and restrictions involved in getting along with members of the opposite sex.
  - Verdene Ryder, Contemporary Living

#### **ACTIVITIES:** SUPPLIES NEEDED: 1-1 Introductory Activity: Dating Game None 1-2 **Dates That Rate** Copies of student activity guide (IV-B-14 and IV-B-15) 1-3 Are You Dateable? Copies of student activity (IV-B-16) 1-4 Parent Dating Interview Copies of student activity (IV-B-17) 1-5 Things Girls/Guys Do that Drive Guys and Girls Awards Guys/Girls Crazy (pages IV-B-18 and IV-B-19, and IV-B-21 and IV-B-22) (See pattern on page IV-B-24) Copies of student activity guides (page IV-B-20 and IV-B-23) Materials for making awards: - Construction paper, markers, glue, cotton balls, pastas, small cups, straws, craft sticks, etc. 1-6 How to Rate With Your Date Copies of student activity (IV-B-26) 2-1 **Dating Motives** Copies of student activity (IV-B-29) 3-1 Dating Right of Ways Copies of student activity (IV-B-31) Copies of graphics (IV-B-32 through IV-B-38) 4-1 "Pretty Woman" Clip Video of movie, "Pretty Woman" VHS player or "The Thingamajig Book of Manners" Copy of book 4-2 What is Etiquette? Overhead transparency (IV-B-39) 4-3 Polite Society Copies of membership certificates (IV-B-42) Membership cards (IV-B-41) Enlarged poster of membership rules 4-4 **Dining Out** China, flatware, and stemware for table setting Optional: Hook and loop board Copies of student activity guide (IV-B-45 and IV-B-46) 4-5 Dinner at Andre's Copies of student activity (IV-B-54) 4-6 Tyler's Problem Copies of student activity (IV-B-55)

# ACTIVITIES: SUPPLIES NEEDED CONT'D:

4-7 4-8	Telephone Manners A Note About Thank You Notes	None Copies of resource (IV-B-58)
5-1 5-2	Social Graces The Restaurant Experience	None Copies of field trip permission form (Sample: page IV-B-62) Copies of server scorecard (Sample: page IV-B-63)
5-3 5-4 5-5	Telephone Practice Write a Thank You Note Aunt Jessie	Toy telephones Thank-you notes for students Articles of clothing and accessories from thrift store
5-6	Dating License	Copies of dating license for students (IV-B-66)

