**Concept Alignment Tool**

**Essential Question: How might we help our community through charitable and volunteer acts?**

**Enduring Understanding:**

**Charitable and volunteer acts benefit members of our community by providing money, time, and other resources to those in need.**

Speaking with and listening to others allows us to build knowledge and express understanding of charitable and volunteer acts.

Writing an informative paper will allow us to communicate our understanding of the needs of a charitable organization.

Researching the needs of our community and gathering evidence helps us determine which charitable organizations we might help.

Charitable and volunteer acts allow us to improve relationships and the quality of life in our community.

Researchers gather information in a safe environment.

Formal presentations provide opportunities to share information with an authentic audience.

Explanatory writing provides a format to explain and synthesize details and facts based on evidence from research about a charitable organization.

Presenters include multimedia, pictorial, graphical, and realia support.

Speakers and listeners come prepared to engage in a discussion based the topic or task at hand.

Presenters use formal English Language grammar and syntax.

Speakers and listeners ask and answer questions regarding the topic or task at hand.

Speakers and listeners follow norms for collaborative discussions.

Formal presentations provide opportunities to share evidence-based, detailed information founded in research.

Formal presentations provide opportunities to share information in a creative way.

Explanatory writers use formal English Language grammar and syntax.

Explanatory writers publish and shared their writing.

Explanatory writers engage in conversations focused on revision and editing.

Explanatory writers apply the structure of this type of text.

Explanatory writers demonstrate understanding of concise vocabulary pertaining to charitable organizations and public policies.

Explanatory writing provides a format for understanding the writing process and skills.

Explanatory writing provides an opportunity to represent understanding charitable organizations through multiple formatting strategies: multimedia, illustrations,

photos, graphs, etc.

Researchers integrate evidence and ideas from multiple sources.

Research can be completed through interviews with the individuals involved with charitable organizations or the recipients of the charitable act.

Research can involve both primary and secondary sources.

Researchers conduct research through reading books and magazine articles on a subject.

Researchers conduct research through internet searches.

Researchers evaluate for accuracy and point of view.

Research allows us to speak knowledgably about a subject.

Research provides qualitative and quantitative data, which facilitates the development of empathy.

Researchers begin by asking relevant questions about potential charities that are in need of help.

Charitable and volunteer acts are needed for many reasons.

Charitable and volunteer acts promote goodwill for all parties.

Charitable and volunteer acts may help a volunteer develop empathy, social skills and life skills.

Charitable and volunteer acts can be implemented in a variety of ways: virtual, environmental, community-based, skills-based, monetary, etc.