

Lesson 9: Planning and Preparing – Getting To Know Yourself

The Mission Statements and Challenges

Grades: 9-12

Goals and Objectives:

- Students will construct their mission statements.
- Students will look at their personal strengths and weaknesses.
- Students will create a plan.

Content Standards and Objectives:

21C.S.5-8.1: The student will access, analyze, manage, integrate, evaluate, and create information in a variety of forms using appropriate technology skills and communicate that information in an appropriate oral, written, or multimedia format.

21C.S.5-8.2: The student will demonstrate the ability to explore and develop new ideas, to intentionally apply sound reasoning processes and to frame, analyze and solve complex problems using appropriate technology tools.

21C.S.5-8.3: The student will exhibit leadership, ethical behavior, respect for others; accept responsibility for personal actions considering the impact on others; take the initiative to plan and execute tasks; and interact productively as a member of a group.

21C.S.9-12.1: The student will access, analyze, manage, integrate, evaluate, and create information in a variety of forms using appropriate technology skills and communicate that information in an appropriate oral, written, or multimedia format.

21C.S.9-12.2: The student will demonstrate the ability to explore and develop new ideas, to intentionally apply sound reasoning processes and to frame, analyze and solve complex problems using appropriate technology tools.

21C.S.9-12.3: The student will exhibit leadership, ethical behavior, respect for others; accept responsibility for personal actions considering the impact on others; take the initiative to plan and execute tasks; and interact productively as a member of a group.

Standard 1: Advisor/Advisee – Academics – Contributing to Effective Learning (AA.S.1): Acquiring the knowledge, skills, and attitudes that contribute to effective learning in school and across the lifespan is critical to the academic success of students at the high school level.

Standard 2: Advisor/Advisee – Academics – Academic Rigor and Postsecondary Options (AA.S.2): Developing and monitoring personal educational plans, transitioning between academic levels, and exploring postsecondary options have an impact on the completion of school prepared for future plans.

Standard 3: Advisor/Advisee – Academics – Understanding the World of Work, Home, and Community (AA.S.3): Understanding the work environment and the requirements necessary to prepare to enter the workforce has a significant influence on the decisions students make. Monitoring standardized test scores, report card grades, and educational plans leads to achieving individual goals. The skills learned in the school environment also apply to the home and community.

Standard 4: Advisor/Advisee – Career – Exploration and Planning (AA.S.4): Completing a career interest inventory, investigating the world of work including occupational employment outlook, and adjusting educational plans accordingly are all factors in the decision-making process.

Standard 5: Advisor/Advisee – Career – Strategies for Future Career Goals (AA.S.5): Knowing where to obtain information about the world of work and postsecondary training/education and developing skills will enhance a student's ability to achieve goals for the future. This includes developing a resume or portfolio, employ effective interview/communication skills, completing admission or employment applications, and identify resources for researching career choices.

Standard 6: Advisor/Advisee – Career – Employment Readiness Skills (AA.S.6): Understanding the relationship between personal qualities, education, and training are keys to success in the world of work. The focus of this standard is the employment of readiness skills for on-the-job success.

Standard 7: Advisor/Advisee – Personal/Social Development – Respect for Self and Others (AA.S.7): Acquiring the knowledge, attitudes, and interpersonal skill will help a student understand and respect self and others. This standard will address understanding self as an individual and member of diverse local and global communities and interact with others in ways that respect individual and group differences.

Standard 8: Advisor/Advisee – Personal/Social Development – Decision-Making (AA.S.8): Making decisions and setting goals are necessary to achieve goals. Young adults face many challenges and require the skills to make the right choices and understand the consequences of their decisions.

Standard 9: Advisor/Advisee – Personal/Social Development – Personal Safety Skills (AA.S.): Applying personal safety skills and coping strategies will assist with solving problems and making healthy choices. Young adults need to be able to identify at-risk behaviors and the common stressors that create conflict and impede achieving goals. Stress and anger management are important skills for survival.

Procedures:

1. Discuss the following with your students:

- You have spent a lot of time reflecting, setting goals, making plans, but now it is time to challenge yourself. What are your best qualities or strengths? List them.
- What do you do well socially, athletically, community based, academically, etc? What are the top five?
- Why do you believe that you excel at these particular items? Do you practice them? Do you actively use these traits every day? What makes them your strengths?
- Now that you have thought about your strengths, what are some of your weaknesses? We all have things that we need to work on. What socially, athletically, community based, educationally, etc do you need to keep working on? What are you holding yourself back from accomplishing?
- What can you personally do to turn these weaknesses around? What steps can you take and continue to work on to insure that this isn't what is keeping you back from your dreams and goals?
- What can you challenge yourself to do over the next few years? What is your mission statement? Here is an example:

I am introverted and am very shy and uncomfortable in most situations. This is one of my weaknesses. I know that if I don't learn to be a bit more outgoing, I'm going to feel uncomfortable in most situations. My personal mission is to introduce myself to a stranger a week. In time, the idea of interacting with new people will become more comfortable to me. Practicing meeting people will help me be less introverted. If I have to go through an interview or hold meetings with people, I will be more prepared.

Write your personal mission statement in the space provided for you in your CFWV portfolio.