
N A V I G A T I O N 1 0 1

GRADE: 6

LESSON: 2

THEME: BUILDING COMMUNITY



LESSON GOALS:

- Help students learn about ways they can become involved in the school community.
- Build community with older students.
- Help students develop a **Citizenship Goal**.

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:

- How can I get involved?
- How can I contribute?

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- **Citizenship Goal Worksheet** (*next page of this lesson plan – one copy for each student*)
- **List of extracurricular activities** (*your lead advisor will provide this*)
- A “partner” 8th grade advisory. For Activity 2, half of your students will go to the 8th grade advisory’s classroom; and half of the 8th graders will meet with your remaining students.

CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES:

1. **Discuss the extracurricular activities available at your school.** Talk about why it’s important to get involved (to get to know people, to learn things, to stand out). Ask your students what activities they’re interested in joining. Some students may need ideas. (*5 minutes*)
2. **Discuss activities and belonging with 8th graders.** Working with your “partner” 8th grade advisory group, ask half of your 6th graders to go to the 8th grade advisory’s classroom. Half of the 8th graders will come to your classroom to join your remaining 6th graders. The 8th graders will talk with your 6th graders about: what activities they belong to; why they think it’s important to participate in activities at school; and what’s good about your school. (*15-20 minutes*)
3. **Have students develop Citizenship Goals.** Working with your own 6th grade group again, distribute the **Citizenship Goal Worksheet**. Ask each student to complete the worksheet by indicating at least one activity he or she would like to join. ***Please collect these.*** (*5-10 minutes*)

STUDENT PRODUCTS:

- **Citizenship Goals Handout.** Each student should complete one. Save for Lesson 5.



CITIZENSHIP GOAL WORKSHEET – Gr 6



Name: _____ Grade: _____ Advisor: _____

WHY SHOULD YOU GET INVOLVED IN ACTIVITIES AT SCHOOL?

You're new to middle school and you've got a lot of homework. So why should you join an extracurricular activity at school? There are a lot of reasons to get involved. You'll get to know the school, teachers, and other students better. You'll learn to do things that interest you (sports, photography, music, etc.). You'll be more interesting to colleges and employers in the future.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO?

What are you interested in doing? You'll have the most fun if you join an activity you're interested in. Answer the questions below to see what type of activity you should join.

- Do you like **expressing yourself creatively** or performing in front of others? If so, you might be interested in student government, drama or arts groups, the yearbook, or sports.
- Do you like working with numbers and **taking care of details**? If so, you might like to be a class rep, or join an academic club or the yearbook.
- Do you like to **work with your hands** and be part of a team? If so, you might like to join a volunteer service club, help out in the office, or go out for a sports team.
- Do you like **working with other people**? You might like to be a teaching assistant or a tutor, join an environmental club, or be part of student government.
- Do you like to **solve problems**? You might like to join an academic club or the chess club or be part of the yearbook.
- Do you like to **convince other people** or debate? You might like to join student government or a debate team or a business or marketing group.

CITIZENSHIP GOAL:

While I am in 6th grade, I will join _____ . It will be
interesting to me because I like to _____
_____ .

