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

GRADE: 7

LESSON: 2

THEME: BUILDING COMMUNITY



LESSON GOALS:

- Help students reflect on their involvement in school activities.
- Discuss the importance of volunteer service and organize a group project at school.
- Help students update a **Citizenship Goal** (first part of their Annual Goals).

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:

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

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- **Citizenship Goal Handout** (*next page of this lesson plan – one copy for each student*)

CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES:

1. **Discuss how students have become involved at school.** Your students are now in their second year of middle school. How have they gotten involved in the school? What are their plans for their remaining time? You might want to suggest activities for students who are not yet that involved in school. How can they get involved... and why should they? (*5 minutes*)
2. **Plan a service activity.** Next discuss how being contributing citizens also involves helping others. How have your students contributed by volunteering at school? How can they? Carry out a short volunteer service activity with your students at school – make posters for an event, pick up litter, organize an activity, etc – and discuss ways your advisory group can continue to be of service to the school. (*15-20 minutes*)
3. **Have students update Citizenship Goals.** Last year, your students focused on how they could get involved at school. How should they adapt their Citizenship Goals this year? What can they do to become contributing citizens at school? Distribute the **Citizenship Goal Handout**. Ask each student to complete the goal statement. Note that being contributing citizens of your school means they have a responsibility to participate. ***Please collect these.*** (*5-10 minutes*)

STUDENT PRODUCTS:

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



CITIZENSHIP GOAL WORKSHEET – Gr 7



Name: _____ Grade: _____ Advisor: _____

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A CONTRIBUTING CITIZEN?

To be a citizen means to be a **member** of a community. You may be a citizen of a country, of a local community, even of a workplace or school.

But being a citizen also means you have a **responsibility** to contribute to that larger community.

As a student at school, being a contributing citizen means you've got a responsibility to be involved in the life of the school, by joining a club, playing a sport, or getting involved in student government.

Being a contributing citizen also means serving the school as a volunteer. You might help a teacher, tutor a younger student, help keep the school grounds clean, prepare for events, or volunteer in other ways.

How do you participate in activities at school? _____

How do you volunteer at school? _____

CITIZENSHIP GOAL

Think about these questions as you update your Citizenship Goal.

CITIZENSHIP GOAL:

I will participate in activities at school this year by _____

I will volunteer at school by _____

