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

GRADE: 7

LESSON: 20

THEME: MAKING THE TRANSITION



LESSON GOALS:

- Review students' experiences in 7th grade.
- Help students prepare for next year.
- Celebrate!

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:

- What do I want to do next year?
- How can I succeed?

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- **Students' Portfolios** (*students may want to review their work from the year*)

CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES:

1. **Review the year.** Look back at the year that's nearly over. Discuss with students what they thought was best – and worst – about their year. Did advisory help? Why or why not? What advice would they give to incoming 7th graders about succeeding next year? What did they learn this year? Where did they make progress? If you have been taking photos of advisory activities, you may want to show a slide show documenting your year. Or you may want to give students the opportunity to review the work in their portfolios and see how they've progressed from the beginning of the year. (*5 minutes*)
2. **Plan for next year.** What challenges and opportunities will next year bring? Discuss what your students can expect next year when they are 8th graders. Are there clubs, activities, or leadership positions they can take on as 8th graders? Are there activities they didn't pursue this year that they want to try next year? What about their courses? How many will be taking advanced or honors courses? (*5 minutes*)
3. **Celebrate.** You might want to celebrate with pizza or other treats. (*10-15 minutes*)

STUDENT PRODUCTS:

- **Completed portfolios.** Each student's portfolio should be stored at school until next fall.

