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

GRADE: 8

LESSON: 1

THEME: GETTING ACQUAINTED

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## LESSON GOALS:

- Get re-acquainted with the students in your advisory group and meet new students.
- Help students check and update their portfolios and introduce the 8<sup>th</sup> grade presentation.
- Help students check their credits or grades to ensure they're on track to graduate next spring.

## ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:

- Why advisory?
- Why portfolios?

## MATERIALS NEEDED:

- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Portfolio Checklist** (*last page of this lesson plan*)
- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Presentation Introduction** (*next page of this lesson plan – share with parents too*)
- **Access to students' transcripts or grade reports from 7<sup>th</sup> grade**

## CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES:

1. **Get re-acquainted.** Re-introduce yourself to the students in your advisory group. Introduce any new students. Welcome them back to school with an icebreaker activity. (*5-10 minutes*)
2. **Check credits or grades.** Help students review their transcripts or final grade reports from 7<sup>th</sup> grade and review the progress they made. Ensure they are progressing toward graduation. If you do not have computer access to check grades on-line, print a transcript for each student. (*5 minutes*)
3. **Introduce the 8<sup>th</sup> grade presentation.** Distribute copies of the **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Presentation Introduction**. Explain that students will be expected to introduce themselves to their new high school advisors before they graduate from middle school. (*5 minutes*)
4. **Update portfolios.** Then ask students to update their portfolios and prepare them for 8<sup>th</sup> grade using the **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Portfolio Checklist**. (*5 minutes*)

## STUDENT PRODUCTS:

- **Updated Portfolio.** Each student should update his or her portfolio for 8<sup>th</sup> grade.



# 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PRESENTATION INTRODUCTION



## WHAT IS AN 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PRESENTATION?

Will you be ready for high school by next fall?

To show that you're ready you will make an **8<sup>th</sup> grade presentation** before you graduate from middle school.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade presentation will be very similar to your student-led conference. The big difference will be that you will not be presenting to your parents and your middle school advisor. Instead, you will be presenting to your new high school advisor. And you will make the presentation at your new high school.

## WHAT WILL YOU DO DURING YOUR 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PRESENTATION?

During your 8<sup>th</sup> grade presentation, you will answer three questions:

What have I accomplished at school during middle school?

What do I want to do in the future?

Who am I?

You will use your portfolio to show work you've done that helps to answer these questions. You will also share your **High School Plan** with your new advisor.

## WHAT IS A HIGH SCHOOL PLAN?

To help you answer these three questions, you will work on a **High School Plan** during Navigation 101 this year. The High School Plan will help you think about what you want to accomplish during high school:

- Your career goals and dreams for the future
- The career pathway you want during high school to achieve your dreams
- The courses you want to take during high school to achieve your dreams
- Your plans to get involved in activities during high school

**YOUR ADVISOR WILL HELP YOU PREPARE FOR YOUR 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PRESENTATION. IT WILL TAKE PLACE JUST BEFORE GRADUATION.**

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# PORTFOLIO CHECKLIST - GR 8



Name \_\_\_\_\_

You should add the following materials to your portfolio this year. Please **KEEP THIS CHECKLIST IN YOUR PORTFOLIO** and check off each item as you add it.

## ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT:

- Annual Goals:** Your goal statement from 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- High School & Beyond Plan.** Your 8<sup>th</sup> grade draft of the OSPI HS & Beyond Plan.
- Transcript:** Summarizing your grades and credits from 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Academic Inventory:** The plan you prepare in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Work Samples:** Work samples (at least **one** from **each** of your core courses):
  - Science
  - Social Studies
  - Math
  - Language Arts*Optional:*
  - Foreign Language
  - Other Elective: \_\_\_\_\_

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT:

- Career Pathways Worksheet:** Your reflections on your results on your career research.
- High School Plan:** Your plan for courses to take during high school and how you will succeed.

## PERSONAL & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT:

- Service Worksheet:** A worksheet about any volunteer service projects you complete.
- Other Activity Information:** Work samples, certificates of accomplishment, awards, photos, or information about extracurricular activities you participated in during 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

