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

GRADE: 9

LESSON: 2

THEME: BUILDING COMMUNITY



LESSON GOALS:

- Help students transition into high school by becoming involved in the school community.
- Build community with older students.
- Help students develop 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*)
- **List of activities** (*Please distribute a list of extracurricular activities available this year*)
- A “partner” 11th grade advisory. For Activity 2, half of your students will go to the 11th grade advisory’s classroom; and half of the juniors will meet with your remaining students.

CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES:

1. **Discuss the extracurricular activities available at school.** Talk about why it’s important to get involved, even though your students are new to the school. Ask your students what activities they’re interested in joining. Some students may have ideas, others may need prompting. *(5 min)*
2. **Discuss activities and traditions with juniors.** Working with your “partner” 11th grade advisory group, ask half of your freshmen to go to the 11th grade advisory’s classroom. Half of the juniors will come to your classroom to join your remaining freshmen. Ask the juniors to talk with the freshmen about: what activities they belong to; and why they think it’s important to participate in activities at school. Give freshmen the opportunity to ask questions. *(15 minutes)*
3. **Have students develop Citizenship Goals.** Working with your own freshman group again, distribute the **Citizenship Goal Handout**. Ask students to complete the goal statement by indicating an activity they would like to join this year. ***Please collect these.*** *(5-10 minutes)*

STUDENT PRODUCTS:

- **Citizenship Goal.** Each student should develop at least one goal. Save these for Lesson 5.



CITIZENSHIP GOAL WORKSHEET – Gr 9



Name: _____ Grade: _____ Advisor: _____

WHY SHOULD YOU GET INVOLVED IN ACTIVITIES AT SCHOOL?

You've got a lot of homework, and a lot to do. So why should you join an extracurricular activity at school? There are a number of reasons to get involved:

- You'll get to know the school better, and teachers and other students will get to know you.
- You'll build skills in areas that interest you (sports, photography, music, etc.).
- As a well-rounded student, you'll be more interesting to colleges and employers in the future.
- You are a **citizen** at school – and participating is how you show you belong.

What activities are you already participating in? _____

What activities would you like to join? _____

CITIZENSHIP GOAL

What are your goals as a citizen at school this year? What activities will you join? How will you participate in school? Please write at least one goal below.

Remember that your goal should be "SMART," that is:

- **Specific** rather than general (*Such as: "I want to join the soccer team"*).
- **Measurable** by what you will do during the year.
- **Achievable** or realistic for a high school student.
- **Rewarding** or positive, rather than negative, and fun to achieve.
- **Time-oriented** and able to be finished by the end of the school year.

CITIZENSHIP GOAL: This year, I will be a contributing citizen at school by:

