



THE MISSION

school spirit — how can we make it happen?

CHALLENGE 1.6

suggested duration: 1 lesson

What is THE CHALLENGE?

The Challenge is a product-based learning experience, putting freshmen in the driver's seat to make a difference for their school, their community, and their futures!

Working collaboratively over a period of 50 Freshman Focus lessons, ninth graders must complete five missions to win The CHALLENGE. Each mission requires purposeful research, planning, and teamwork and can't be finished without the creation of an authentic product that solves a real problem.

The Challenge makes freshmen the decision makers and the problem solvers in their school — all to ease the transition into high school and make it a great experience!

The Missions

Mission #1

**School Spirit —
How Can We Make It Happen?**



Mission #2

**Bullying —
How Can WE be Bully FREE?**



Mission #3

**Leadership —
Can We All Be Leaders?**



Mission #4

**Safe & Healthy Decisions —
Is It Worth the Risk?**



Mission #5

**Skills & Jobs —
Will We Be Ready for Work?**

Members of the school's alumni association have complained to the Board of Education that school spirit and enthusiasm for our high school has dropped since the time they attended. Your principal is giving you your first mission this school year. The mission is to develop and implement a plan to bolster school spirit and engage more students in school-related activities.

Directions

- Create an opportunity for members of the class to present the final product to an authentic audience.
- Evaluate the product using the "The Challenge Presentation Rubric."

Implementation Suggestions

- The public audience could be: school board members, teachers, parents, members of the community, student council representatives, other freshmen classes, business community, etc.

- Use the resource "The Challenge Presentation Rubric."
- Make this an entire class competition. Create the opportunity for each Freshman Focus class to present its product, and select the best one to fully implement in the school.

