



THE MISSION

leadership — can we all be leaders?

CHALLENGE 3.6

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?**

This mission comes from your student council. They love the school and are proud of the great traditions that make it such a special place. Council members want to make sure this year's freshmen are prepared to be the school leaders of tomorrow. This is your chance to show you have what it takes to become leaders and keep the tradition alive!

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.

