



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?**

SAMPLE ENTRY EVENTS

Guest Speaker
Field Trip
Simulation
Engaging Discussion
Field Trip
Authentic or Mock Piece of Correspondence
Play a Song
View Photographs or Works of Art
Dance
Debate
Complex and Puzzling Problem to Solve
Shocking Statistics or Data
Provocative Reading (article, literature, poem)
Film
Video or Scenes from a Film or Documentary
Website
News Story
Skype
Gallery Walk for Observation
Panel Discussion of Experts on a Topic