



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?**

SHARING WITH A PUBLIC AUDIENCE

- ⊙ Invitations sent to guests
- ⊙ Schedule of presentations set
- ⊙ Welcoming committee ready
- ⊙ Accommodations made for guests (seating, programs, water, etc.)
- ⊙ Audience materials duplicated
- ⊙ Room set up for presentation
- ⊙ Equipment reserved and tested (tech support on stand-by)
- ⊙ Audience role explained
- ⊙ Closure to activity and “Thank you”