



LESSON 3.17 Academic Resources

Module #3: Making the Grade

Academically, the ninth grade year often defines a student's entire high school experience. Therefore, it is imperative that all freshmen get off to a great start with their academic work. This can be accomplished through the teaching of study skills, note taking skills, and learning styles and through an increased awareness of resources available to build academic success.

Enduring Understandings

- I. Academic success in high school requires a toolbox equipped with skills and strategies to use in navigating the completion of academic coursework.
- II. **Knowing about, understanding, and using the many academic resources available will increase the likelihood of a successful high school experience.**

Essential Questions

- I. What are habits of mind and how will they help me? (I)
- II. What can I do to ensure my academic success in high school? (I)
- III. **What resources does my high school have available to help build my academic success? (II)**

Lesson Objective(s)

Students will understand the purpose of the school's academic support labs and how to use them.

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Directions:

1. Most schools have “academic support labs” – places students can go to get extra help and/or tutoring in core content areas. Prior to conducting this lesson, create an “academic support labs resource guide” -- a description of each of your school's academic support labs. Be sure to include locations and hours.
2. Divide your class into small groups (one per student leader). Student leaders should talk about each of the labs with their group of freshmen. Be sure to include personal experiences of when you have used the support labs and how their help was beneficial.
3. At the conclusion of the lesson, distribute a copy of the “academic support labs” resource guide to students to have for future reference.

Materials & Supplies

- Copies of the “Academic Support Labs” Resource Guide

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It's important that freshmen know about the support services available in your school. And, it's even more important that freshmen know it's “cool” to take advantage of them. Hearing this from you will be important.

- There are many good books in the market aimed at teenagers that can be a great enhancement to this module.
- Two texts we suggest:
 - *7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens* - Sean Covey
 - *Seven Secrets of How to Study* - Stephen Jones

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