



LESSON 8.12 Leadership Opportunities in School

Module #8: Leadership

Defining oneself as a leader in the school starts early, and ninth graders need to understand this. There are identifying characteristics of effective leaders that can be learned and developed – but it takes practice. It is important for freshmen to be aware of the opportunities to practice and fine tune their leadership skills in high school.

Enduring Understandings

- I. Effective leaders share common characteristics – characteristics that can be learned and developed.
- II. **There are many opportunities in high school to gain leadership experience.**

Essential Questions

- I. What are the characteristics of effective leaders? (I)
- II. What strategies can be employed to build leadership skills? (I)
- III. **What opportunities exist in our high school to gain leadership experience? (II)**

Lesson Objective(s)

Students will be made aware of leadership opportunities in the school and the importance of getting involved.

Challenge 3.6

Lesson 8.12

Lesson 8.13

Lesson 9.1

Lesson 9.2

Directions:

1. Prior to conducting this lesson, create a “Leadership Opportunities” handout for your school. This handout should include a list and description of all leadership opportunities that students can participate in during high school (student council, mentorship, national honor society, key club, leadership class, etc.).
2. Divide the freshmen into small groups (one group per student leader). Distribute a copy of the “Leadership Opportunities” handout to the freshmen; student leaders should go over the list in their small groups. Ask each freshman to commit to assuming at least one leadership position in high school.
3. Make a class list of each student’s leadership involvement goal and post it somewhere in the classroom as a reminder.

Materials & Supplies

- Copies of the “Leadership Opportunities” handout

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POINT

Sometimes we want to lead, but just don’t know how. Now, there are no more excuses. Making your freshmen commit to attempting at least one leadership position gives them a goal and a challenge to follow through.

- Invite the leaders from various student organizations within your school to come speak to your freshmen about their experiences and how they have enriched their high school experiences.

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