
N A V I G A T I O N 1 0 1 (2009-2010)

GRADE: 11

LESSON: 5

THEME: IMPROVING ACADEMICALLY



LESSON GOALS:

- Help students prepare for senior year and review the requirements for graduation.
- Help students assess their work and reflect on the progress of their goals so far.

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:

- How am I doing?
- How can I do better at school?

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- **Information about Graduation Requirements**
- **Information about students' grades and/or assessment results**
- **Grade Tracking Sheet**
- **Information about Admissions Essay/Personal Statement**
- **Journal Reflection**

CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES:

1. **Discuss how classes are going, goal reflection.** Hand out current grades or have students check grades, tracking them on their **Grade Tracking Sheet**. Put the Journal Prompt up for students and have them write their reflections in their spiral notebook.
2. **Discuss graduation requirements.** Next, review your school's graduation requirements. What will it take – in terms of grades and credits – for each of them to graduate on time? If any of your students have failed a class or need to do other work to graduate on time, this is a good time to ensure that they and their parents understand what must be done. In addition, if any students need to re-take the WASL, you can help them plan for that.
3. **Introduce Admissions Essay and Personal Statements.** Hand out information for the essay and give students the outline to start. Discuss the elements of the essay and why it is important. Remind students that this is writing about themselves – they have lots of choices in the direction of their writing.

STUDENT PRODUCTS:

- **Goal Reflection Journal.** Each student should reflect on their progress so far this year.



Academic, Citizenship, and Career Goals Journal Prompt #1

Look back at your Career Goal, Citizenship Goal, and 1st Semester Academic Goals Worksheets. In your journal, respond to the following questions.

1. You are quickly moving toward your last year of high school. Are you on track to graduate on time? What have you done so far to prepare for postsecondary opportunities?
2. How are you doing with your classes? Are you keeping up? What have you done to accomplish your academic goals? What else could you do to be successful in accomplishing these goals?
3. What have you done to accomplish your career and citizenship goals? What is your plan to continue working on these goals?

