



GRADE: 12

LESSON: 12

THEME: SLC Preparation

LESSON GOALS:

- Ensure that students are on track with postsecondary applications.
- Collect the HS & Beyond Plan.
- Help students update their checklists to prepare them to finalize the plan this year.

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:

- What will I do after high school?

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- **HS & Beyond Plan Checklist** (for 11th and 12 grades).

CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES:

1. **Discuss postsecondary applications.** Most applications for four-year colleges are due during January. Check with students to ensure that those planning to apply to a four-year college have either completed their applications or are on track to do so. You may wish to refer students to the Common Application if they need to get caught up: <http://www.commonapp.org/>.
2. **Review HS & Beyond Checklists from last year.** Have students retrieve their Grade 11 HS & Beyond Checklists from their portfolios. Discuss the work they've completed. How many of your students have a clear idea of what to do? What progress have they made?
3. **Update HS & Beyond Checklist.** Have students update the HS & Beyond Plan Checklist with the tasks they have completed to date (this year's checklist includes some updated items focused on seniors). Make sure students focus on the steps they still need to complete to be ready for life after graduation. Students should be turning these checklists into their essays for their **High School and Beyond Plans**, which they are required to present during their SLC.

STUDENT PRODUCTS:

- **HS & Beyond Plan Checklist and Essay (Gr 12).**



HIGH SCHOOL & BEYOND PLAN CHECKLIST – GR 12

Name: _____ Advisor: _____

CAREER PATHWAY: Which career pathway have you selected?

- Agriculture, Science, and Natural Resources
- Art, Media, Communications, and Design
- Business, Management, and Finance
- Education, Social, and Health Services
- Engineering, Science, and Technology

Career(s) of Interest: _____

CAREER RESEARCH: Steps you have taken to be able to pursue a career that interests you:

- Taken needed electives in my pathway (*details*): _____

- Updated resume (or will before graduation): _____
- Conducted career interviews (list): _____
- Completed a job shadow: _____
- Obtained summer job or internship: _____

POSTSECONDARY RESEARCH: Your postsecondary plan based on the educational requirements for your top career choice (*check as many as apply*):

- No more education needed (explain why): _____
- Apprenticeship – Length, details: _____
- Two-year degree (AA or AS) – Major: _____
- Four-year degree (BA or BS) – Major: _____
- Postgraduate degree – Describe: _____



POSTSECONDARY PLANNING: Postsecondary institutions you have researched and decided to apply to. (*list institution and the major you wish to pursue; list military here if you plan to enlist*):

POSTSECONDARY PREPARATION: Steps you have completed or plan to take:

- Postsecondary visits, workplace interviews or discussions with a recruiter
- PSAT (*for 4-year college*)
- SAT Reasoning, SAT Subject Tests and/or ACT (*for 4-year college*)
- ASSET and/or COMPASS (*for community or technical college*)
- ASVAB (*for military*)
- Completed applications for all institutions listed above

FINANCIAL PREPARATION: Steps you have taken or will take to prepare yourself for the future:

- Have completed the FAFSA with parents
- Have researched scholarship opportunities
- Have researched tuition and living expenses at postsecondary institutions listed above
- Have started a savings or checking account and/or obtained a debit card
- Have researched insurance issues related to turning 18: health and auto

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Steps you have taken or will take to become involved in the community:

- Have begun or completed volunteer service: ____ hours
- Have registered to vote (when 18)
- Have registered with Selective Service (for males, when 18)

BEYOND PLAN – BACKUP PLAN: Please describe briefly below what you plan to do next year AND what you will do if that plan doesn't work out.

