

Connections Activity

Title/Skill:	Academic Checks/Writing Academic Improvement Plans
Connection Goal:	Academic
Grade Level:	9-12
Month:	December
Time Needed:	25 minutes

Handouts/Materials Provided:

- Academic Improvement Plan Handout

Summary of Activity for the Advisor:

Students will make an academic plan for the 2nd quarter based on their 1st quarter grades.

Read/Review/Discuss/Do with students:

1. Call students up individually or print out grade reports prior to the Connections period.
2. Give students some time to review their grades. As you discuss grade results, make sure students know that they cannot simply say that they're not good at a certain subject area. You want them to think about WHY they didn't do well and WHAT they can do to improve. Ask them:
 - Did you simply not understand the material? How can you get help?
 - Is the homework load too heavy?
 - Did you understand the material but not complete assignments?
 - Do you need to change your study habits?
3. Distribute Academic Improvement Plan handout to each student.
4. Ask them to answer the questions on the handout.
5. If they feel comfortable, have them share their goals for improvement with a peer.
6. Collect the handouts and the end and keep for future discussion.

Academic Improvement Plan Handout

Name: _____

Advisor: _____

You've seen your first report card. How did you do? How can you do better?

Answer the questions on this handout and then make a plan for academic performance for the year.

WHAT DO YOU FEEL ARE YOUR BEST SUBJECT AREAS?

- Reading
- Writing
- Language Arts
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- Other: _____.

How well did you do?

Were you surprised by your performance? Why were you surprised?

Why do you think you did well?

How can you continue to do well?

WHERE DO YOU NEED TO IMPROVE?

- Reading
- Writing
- Language Arts
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- Other: _____.

How did you do?

Were you surprised that you didn't do as well as you expected? Why were you surprised?

Why didn't you do well?

How can you improve?

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO IMPROVE?

List below the steps you can take to improve your academic performance this year.

- Study more
- Turn in all homework on time and attend class
- Find different ways to study that help me remember information better
- Find a tutor at school
- Get extra help from a teacher
- Find a catch-up study session
- Other: _____.