

Connections Activity

Topic:	Writing Academic Improvement Plans
Connections to Goal:	Academic
Grade Level:	9
Quarter:	3
Time Needed:	25 Minutes (one advisory session)

Handouts/Materials Provided:

- Academic Improvement Plan Handout

Summary of Activity for the Advisor: Students will make a plan for 3rd quarter based on the results from 2nd quarter.

Read/Discuss/Implement with students:

- 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:
 1. Did you simply not understand the material? How can you get help?
 2. Is the homework load too heavy?
 3. Did you understand the material but not complete assignments?
 4. Do you need to change your study habits?
- Distribute Academic Improvement Plan handout to each student.
- Ask them to answer the questions on the handout.
- Collect the handouts at 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 ARE YOUR BEST SUBJECT AREAS?

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

How well did you do?

Were you surprised by your good 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: _____.