

Connections Activity

Topic:	Cause and Effect
Connections to Goal:	Personalization
Grade Level:	9
Quarter:	4
Time Needed:	25 Minutes (one advisory session)

Handouts/Materials Provided:

- Cause/Effect Matching handout
- White board, markers, paper, pencils

Summary of Activity for the Advisor: Students will analyze the relationship between cause and effect, and will identify possible effects of some risk-taking behavior.

Read/Discuss/Implement with students:

- Ask students if they have ever been to or seen a fortune-teller: What does a fortuneteller do? Why do people like to go to fortune-tellers?
- *By being able to accurately analyze the relationship between cause and effect, the students themselves can become their own fortune-tellers.*
- Post on the board and then discuss the relationship between cause and effect:
 - **Every behavior is preceded by a motivating force
 - **By reflecting back on past experiences, we can learn how to better handle challenging situations.
 - **When confronting new situations, by analyzing the potential effects of our behavior, we can modify it to minimize negative outcomes.
- Analyze the following scenarios and ask students to predict possible effects/outcomes:
 1. A ninth grader doesn't want to go to PE because he gets bullied in the locker room, so he skips class and hides the bathroom.
 2. An tenth grader gets to the mailbox before her parents, and throws away her progress report.
 3. A student loses her homework, so she tells her teacher that she lost it and can't find it.
 4. You don't study for your math test.
- Distribute *Cause/Effect Matching Worksheet*. Ask students to complete the worksheet, and then discuss the results.

Try to match the cause to a likely effect. Think about why the cause is related to the effect.

Cause

Effect

You keep hitting the snooze button

You make a new friend

You lock your little brother out of the house while your parents are gone

You get up too late and don't have enough time to eat breakfast; you are starving by lunchtime

You and your friends raid your parents' liquor cabinet

Your parents are disappointed and don't trust you any more

You invite the new kid to sit with you at lunch

The yard looks terrible and your mom chews you out

You spread a rumor about another kid at school

You are no longer allowed to stay home alone, and your parents had to hire a babysitter to watch you

You forget to water the lawn

It's the end of the quarter, you have a D in English, and it's too late to make up any work.

You never check your grades when they are posted by your teachers

Someone's feelings get hurt, and your friends are afraid to share their secrets with you