

# Connections Activity

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<b>Topic:</b>	What is Connections?
<b>Connections to Goal:</b>	Personalization
<b>Grade Level:</b>	9
<b>Quarter:</b>	1
<b>Time Needed:</b>	25 Minutes (one advisory session)

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**Handouts/Materials Provided:**

- What is Connections? Handout

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**Summary of Activity for the Advisor:** Students will build an understanding of the purpose of the Connections program and what to expect in the upcoming months.

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**Read/Discuss/Implement with students:**

Use the attachment to review all of the following aspects of advisory-

- What is an advisory?
- When and where do you meet?
- What is the purpose of this group?
- RESPECT of others opinions is key to having a successful advisory.
- What is your role? Issue of trust...you are a mandated reporter.
- Topics you will be discussing, like test taking and community service.
- Advisory is a small community.
- Our goals: Personalization, Academic Achievement, Community Awareness

**Advisors:** Please use this for: What Is Connections? You do not need to copy it; just read and review it with your advisory class.

## **What is Connections?**

### **► What is advisory, also called *Connections*?**

- In advisories, students will learn academic strategies and monitor their academic progress.
- Students will develop supportive peer relationships and practice conflict resolution.
- Activities will be set up to increase awareness of diversity and tolerance, through discussion.
- Work will occur in the areas of career development and post-secondary opportunities.
- Students will learn to develop character and explore moral issues.

### **► When and where do you meet?**

- Students will always meet on Fridays, between periods C & D (9:51-10:16). Meet in the assigned room, as shown on your schedule.

### **► What is the purpose?**

- The major purpose of Connections is to use small group discussions and activities to strengthen and/or encourage:

- Interpersonal skills
- Self-evaluation skills
- Meaningful relationships
- Academic achievement
- Social well-being

### **► What topics will be covered?**

- organization and preparation for school
- making good choices
- getting involved in the community
- academic excellence
- how to building strong, lasting relationships

### **► What is the advisory teacher's role?**

- The role of the teacher is to facilitate the activities and provide support and personalization in our large school. The advisor will hopefully get to know the students well and will be an additional resource to the students' academic classroom teachers.

### **► What are the goals of the Connections program?**

- There are three major goals of the advisory program: community awareness, improved academic achievement and personalization.