

BUILDING LEADERSHIP SKILLS

Junior or Senior High

Description

Leadership is a combination of personality traits, skills and experience. Teachers can provide the opportunity for students to study leadership and gain skills through providing experiences that allow students to practice. Even though some of the students do not want to be a leader, as an instructor, you can give them practice with similar situations they may encounter in the future.

Family and Consumer Science Classes

Leadership Class
Relationships Class

Classroom Activities

Have students write down their own definition of leadership and then have students select a list of five individuals who they think of as being good leaders. From the list, brainstorm the leadership qualities that are common in these leaders. Create a new list of today's leaders who possess the qualities given above. Have students select one of today's leaders to research and create a 3-5 minute presentation about. Students should be encouraged to write these current leaders and ask for advice they could give to young leaders. Include findings in their classroom presentations (allow a few weeks for research). Students can then present their research to the class. Assess grades on the thoroughness of information and the quality of presentation.

Class Connection to FCCLA Projects

STAR Events: Illustrated talk on leadership, Skills for Life
Power of One: Take the Lead Module
Dynamic Leadership

Resources

Power of One Handbook
Dynamic Leadership Handbook

Connection to Minnesota Grad Standards

Inquiry Standard

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