

FAMILY CONNECTIONS

Senior High

Description

Some parts of my textbooks have become out of date and I have not been able to replace them for some time. As a result, I have been trying to find ways that students can use current resources that related to this content area that would give them an opportunity to actually do something and not just read about it.

Family and Consumer Sciences Classes

- Family Living
- Comprehensive FACS Class
- Child Development/Parenting

Classroom Activities

- Students did background reading and activities on families.
- Student then brainstormed to determine which issues and topics they felt there was a need to work on and selected several areas. Each student chose which area they wanted to work on for this project.
- One group chose to work on a National Family Week promotion for elementary students.
- One groups chose to work on communication skills to resolve conflicts which they presented to the class at the end.
- One group chose to work with elementary students as "big buddies" and provide some time and attention to children who were deemed "needy" by the elementary teachers and counselor.

Class Connection of FCCLA Projects

- Planning Process
- Families First modules
- Community Service
- STAR Events--Chapter Service; Illustrated Talks; See What We've Done; Interpersonal Communications

Resources

- Families First manual (1996) FCCLA
- National Family Week--www.familyweek.org
- Elementary teachers and counselors
- Individual Mentoring Program Manual, MN FCCLA

Connection to Minnesota Graduation Standards

- Social Studies--Community Interaction
- Write and Speak--Interpersonal Communications and Write and Speak
- Inquiry--Issue Analysis

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