



**The Readiness Foundation for College and Career Readiness
12th – Grade Teacher Lesson Plans**

Twelfth grade is a culminating year for students as they finalize their plans for life after high school. This 36-week lesson plan is designed to prepare 12th-grade students for a variety of post-secondary pathways, including four-year colleges and universities, career schools, the workforce, community colleges, the military, and entrepreneurship. By providing comprehensive guidance on these options and including vital information on financial aid and scholarships, we aim to ensure that students are well-equipped to make informed decisions about their futures. This curriculum will also emphasize advanced study techniques, effective behavior management strategies, and strong character education, empowering students to succeed in their chosen paths.

36-Week Lesson Plan

Weeks 1-4: Introduction and Goal Setting

Week 1: Welcome and Review

- Lesson: Introduction to the year and review of 11th-grade concepts
- Activity: Icebreakers and review games
- Study Skills: Organizational strategies
- Behavior Management: Establishing classroom norms
- Character Education: Respect

Week 2: Setting Goals for 12th Grade

- Lesson: Setting academic and personal goals for the year
- Activity: Creating SMART goals
- Study Skills: Goal-setting techniques
- Behavior Management: Tracking progress
- Character Education: Responsibility

Week 3: Time Management for Senior Success

- Lesson: Advanced time management strategies
- Activity: Weekly and monthly planners
- Study Skills: Prioritizing tasks
- Behavior Management: Managing distractions
- Character Education: Discipline

Week 4: Exploring Post-Secondary Pathways

- Lesson: Overview of different post-secondary options
- Activity: Interest inventories and pathway research
- Study Skills: Research skills
- Behavior Management: Active participation
- Character Education: Curiosity

Weeks 5-8: Four-Year Colleges and Universities

Week 5: Researching Colleges and Universities

- Lesson: How to research four-year colleges and universities
- Activity: College research project
- Study Skills: Research techniques
- Behavior Management: Independent research
- Character Education: Curiosity

Week 6: Campus Visits and Virtual Tours

- Lesson: Importance of visiting campuses
- Activity: Virtual tours of various colleges and universities
- Study Skills: Note-taking and observation
- Behavior Management: Respectful participation
- Character Education: Open-mindedness

Week 7: College Application Process

- Lesson: Understanding the college application process
- Activity: Mock application exercises
- Study Skills: Application preparation
- Behavior Management: Attention to detail
- Character Education: Diligence

Week 8: Writing Personal Statements

- Lesson: Crafting a compelling personal statement
 - Activity: Personal statement writing workshop
 - Study Skills: Writing techniques
 - Behavior Management: Revision and editing
 - Character Education: Self-expression
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Weeks 9-12: Career Schools and Technical Education

Week 9: Exploring Career Schools

- Lesson: Understanding career and technical schools
- Activity: Research and presentation on different career schools
- Study Skills: Research skills
- Behavior Management: Focused research
- Character Education: Curiosity

Week 10: Admissions Process for Career Schools

- Lesson: Navigating the admissions process for career schools
- Activity: Application practice
- Study Skills: Application preparation
- Behavior Management: Attention to detail
- Character Education: Determination

Week 11: Hands-On Learning and Apprenticeships

- Lesson: Opportunities for hands-on learning
- Activity: Researching apprenticeships and internships
- Study Skills: Research and inquiry
- Behavior Management: Proactive learning
- Character Education: Initiative

Week 12: Career School and Technical Education Benefits

- Lesson: Benefits of career and technical education
- Activity: Case studies and discussion
- Study Skills: Critical analysis
- Behavior Management: Thoughtful discussion
- Character Education: Open-mindedness

Weeks 13-16: Community College Pathways

Week 13: Benefits of Community College

- Lesson: Exploring the benefits of community college
- Activity: Research project on local community colleges
- Study Skills: Research techniques
- Behavior Management: Independent research
- Character Education: Curiosity

Week 14: Transfer Opportunities

- Lesson: Understanding transfer agreements between community colleges and four-year institutions
- Activity: Researching transfer pathways
- Study Skills: Research and planning
- Behavior Management: Strategic thinking
- Character Education: Planning

Week 15: Community College Application Process

- Lesson: Navigating the community college application process
- Activity: Mock applications
- Study Skills: Application preparation
- Behavior Management: Attention to detail
- Character Education: Diligence

Week 16: Financial Aid for Community Colleges

- Lesson: Financial aid opportunities for community college students
- Activity: FAFSA and scholarship application practice
- Study Skills: Financial literacy
- Behavior Management: Precision and accuracy
- Character Education: Responsibility

Weeks 17-20: Military Pathways

Week 17: Exploring Military Careers

- Lesson: Overview of careers in the military
- Activity: Researching different branches of the military
- Study Skills: Research techniques
- Behavior Management: Independent inquiry
- Character Education: Patriotism

Week 18: Enlistment Process

- Lesson: Understanding the military enlistment process
- Activity: Mock enlistment exercises
- Study Skills: Application preparation
- Behavior Management: Attention to detail
- Character Education: Commitment

Week 19: Benefits of Military Service

- Lesson: Exploring the benefits of military service
- Activity: Guest speaker session with military personnel
- Study Skills: Note-taking and questioning
- Behavior Management: Respectful listening
- Character Education: Respect

Week 20: ROTC and Military Scholarships

- Lesson: Opportunities for ROTC and military scholarships
- Activity: Scholarship application practice
- Study Skills: Research and application
- Behavior Management: Persistence
- Character Education: Determination

Weeks 21-24: Workforce Readiness

Week 21: Job Search Techniques

- Lesson: How to search for jobs effectively
- Activity: Job search simulation
- Study Skills: Job search strategies
- Behavior Management: Persistence
- Character Education: Diligence

Week 22: Resume Writing

- Lesson: Crafting a professional resume
- Activity: Resume writing workshop
- Study Skills: Writing and formatting
- Behavior Management: Attention to detail
- Character Education: Professionalism

Week 23: Job Interview Skills

- Lesson: Preparing for and excelling in job interviews
- Activity: Mock interviews with feedback
- Study Skills: Interview preparation
- Behavior Management: Professional demeanor
- Character Education: Confidence

Week 24: Workplace Etiquette

- Lesson: Understanding workplace expectations and etiquette
- Activity: Role-playing workplace scenarios
- Study Skills: Professional communication
- Behavior Management: Adapting to work culture
- Character Education: Respect

Weeks 25-28: Entrepreneurship

Week 25: Introduction to Entrepreneurship

- Lesson: What is entrepreneurship?
- Activity: Research successful entrepreneurs
- Study Skills: Research and analysis
- Behavior Management: Initiative
- Character Education: Innovation

Week 26: Developing a Business Plan

- Lesson: Steps to creating a business plan
- Activity: Business plan creation workshop
- Study Skills: Planning and organization
- Behavior Management: Strategic thinking
- Character Education: Creativity

Week 27: Financing Your Business

- Lesson: Exploring ways to finance a startup
- Activity: Researching funding options
- Study Skills: Financial literacy
- Behavior Management: Financial responsibility
- Character Education: Prudence

Week 28: Marketing and Sales

- Lesson: Basics of marketing and sales for entrepreneurs
- Activity: Developing a marketing strategy
- Study Skills: Marketing techniques
- Behavior Management: Persuasiveness
- Character Education: Initiative

Weeks 29-32: Financial Aid and Scholarships

Week 29: Introduction to Financial Aid

- Lesson: Overview of financial aid options
- Activity: Researching different types of financial aid
- Study Skills: Financial literacy
- Behavior Management: Detail-oriented research
- Character Education: Responsibility

Week 30: Filling Out the FAFSA

- Lesson: Step-by-step guide to completing the FAFSA
- Activity: FAFSA simulation exercise
- Study Skills: Application preparation
- Behavior Management: Precision and accuracy
- Character Education: Integrity

Week 31: Scholarships and Grants

- Lesson: Identifying and applying for scholarships and grants
- Activity: Scholarship search and application workshop
- Study Skills: Research and application skills
- Behavior Management: Perseverance
- Character Education: Determination

Week 32: Financial Planning for College

- Lesson: Creating a financial plan for college expenses
- Activity: Budgeting exercise for college costs
- Study Skills: Financial planning
- Behavior Management: Responsible decision-making

Weeks 33-36: Review and Preparation for Post-Secondary Pathways

Week 33: Reviewing Study Skills

- Lesson: Review of key study skills learned throughout the year
- Activity: Study skills scavenger hunt
- Study Skills: Reinforcing effective study habits
- Behavior Management: Consistency in study routines
- Character Education: Reflectiveness

Week 34: Preparing for Transition

- Lesson: Transitioning to post-secondary pathways
- Activity: Creating a personal action plan for post-graduation
- Study Skills: Goal setting for the future
- Behavior Management: Adapting to change
- Character Education: Adaptability

Week 35: Self-Assessment and Personal Growth

- Lesson: Assessing personal growth over the year
- Activity: Self-assessment worksheets and discussions
- Study Skills: Self-evaluation techniques
- Behavior Management: Reflective practices
- Character Education: Growth mindset

Week 36: Celebration and Reflection

- Lesson: Celebrating achievements and reflecting on the year
- Activity: End-of-year celebration and award ceremony
- Study Skills: Reflecting on learning experiences
- Behavior Management: Positive reinforcement
- Character Education: Gratitude

As we conclude this significant year, it is essential to acknowledge the dedication and progress made by our 12th-grade students. Through this comprehensive 36-week program, we have diligently prepared them for the challenges and opportunities of post-secondary education and careers, equipping them with vital skills and a strong moral foundation. By focusing on college and career readiness, enhancing study skills, managing behavior, and fostering character education, we have laid a solid foundation for their future success. Let us continue to support and inspire our students as they advance to the next stage of their academic and professional journeys, confident in their abilities and prepared to achieve their dreams.