**Transition from 8th to 9th**

**Preparing Students for High School**

**Lesson Plan 1**

**GETTING READY!**

**Description:** Students will learn about the High School Programs of Study and the course requirements needed in high school.

**Objectives:** Students will be able to:

* Use the ASU Prep High School website as a resource for information
* Identify course requirements and electives needed during their four year in high school at ASU Prep
* Identify the requirements needed for graduation
* Understand the basics of Capstone and high school pathways

**Instructional Time**: Approximately 45 minuets

**Preparation/Instructional Materials:**

* Handout: Are You Ready for High School? Quiz
* Handout: High School Student Progression Plan (To be secured from High School)
* Handout: My Notes on High School Requirements
* Handout: PowerPoint covering key topics
* Review
* Prizes (candy.)

**Springboard Activity:**

Explain to the students that they are going to take an ASU Prep High School Quiz. The quiz is about the high school and graduation.

* Distribute Handout: Are You Ready for High School? Quiz
* Collect the Quizzes and keep for your records (Hand out candy to students who completed)

**Core Activities:**

1. Allow students to share concerns related to taking courses at the high school level.

2. Explain to the students that in today’s lesson they will learn about and address concerns related to course requirements of high school.

3**.** Distribute the Handout: My Notes on High School Requirements. Instruct the students to make NOTES about things they need to remember as they listen today (hint to them that the notes might come in handy in later lessons).

4. Write the following four (3) terms on the board: promotion, retention, graduation, and post-secondary. Ask the students to write down the definitions of what they think these words mean. Have students volunteer their definitions and review the concepts with the entire class.

* **Promotion:** promoting students to the next grade level
* **Retention:** students are required to repeat an academic year
* **Graduation:** Receiving an academic degree or diploma
* **Post-secondary:** Education beyond high school

**In 2013: Arizona ranked 44 out of 50 states High School Graduation Rates at 75.1%**

5. Review power point covering topics. Pausing as needed between each topic for discussion.

* Discussion Order:
  + Graduation requirements
  + Pathways
    - Example four year plans for each pathway
  + Academic Apprenticeship
  + Independent Study (College level courses)
  + Capstone
  + Sample Schedule
  + Course Offerings Example
  + Helpful High School Hints
    - GPA
    - Cambridge

6. Give the students the web address to find the power point information

7. **Handout:** Blank High School Progression Plan. Challenge students to map out a possible 4 year plan for high school. If students bring back completely filled out to the next lesson will get a prize.

8. Hand out index cards for students to write questions on to be answered during the next lesson