

Lesson Plan

Lesson Title: Staying in School (see <http://www.channing-bete.com>)

Subject: Life Skills

Grade: 7th

Date: 8/29/03

Time: 35 min.

Objective: TLW understand the importance of making the most of their education.

Anticipatory Set: "Where would you like to be on this chart?" (using transparency from Bakersfield Californian showing average income of: non-graduates, some college, and college graduates & cost of living in Kern County as: single adult, single parent, two parent, and two working parent household).

Materials: Overhead, Overhead pens, transparencies, Students' copies of "Let's Talk About Staying in School" from Chevron

Procedures:

1. Choose readers for each character in the cartoon on p.2, read
2. Teacher models one of the word scrambles on p.3 "Pros & Cons of Staying in School"
3. Students work in pairs completing word scramble for ~10 min.
4. Class discussion of pros & cons of staying in school, Students can add to lists
5. P.5 discussion of consequences of choice
6. Students independently complete sample budget with choices given

Assessment:

Informal: Students' participation in discussion. Students on task during individual/group work

Formal: Teacher review of completed work

Closure: How many of you think you will graduate high school now? Tomorrow we will find out how other choices we make now can affect our lives, as adults just as staying in school will. (p 6)