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Preparing for the Future

Teachers want to help their students prepare for the future by developing their skills, instilling character and encouraging individualism. By finding out what students are passionate about, teachers can help them find a focus for their future.

Help your students set individual and class goals every semester. Create a goal chart, so they can watch their progress. Learn how at <http://latitudes.org/teachers/goal-charts-classroom/>. Bring in community members to talk about their jobs. Also check out the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services' Real-Life Arkansas website: <https://www.workforce.arkansas.gov/real-life/>. Real-Life Arkansas is a great tool to help students plan for their future.

Consider asking yourself or your students' parents the following questions about setting future goals.

- What goals do I have for my students?
- What resources can I share with parents so they can help their child set career goals?
- What resources does our school counselor have to help students and parents prepare for the future?
- What information, such as ACT registration and scholarship deadlines, can I share with my students' parents?

Bullying Prevention

Teachers have an important role in bullying prevention. By encouraging and demonstrating empathy and compassion in the classroom, you are establishing a culture of kindness.

Let parents know what you are doing to prevent bullying. Send home resources so parents can continue the conversation at home. Great resources are available at <https://www.stopbullying.gov/what-you-can-do/parents/>. Be sure to remind parents about the school's policy about bullying and what students should do if they witness others being bullied or are bullied themselves.

Consider the following questions as you prepare to talk with your students and their parents.

- What resources about bullying can I share with my students and their parents?
- What is my school's policy on bullying?
- What are the consequences of bullying at my school?
- How can my class promote kindness in our school?