Lesson 17

Area: Take Responsibility

Title: What Matters To You?

Objective: Students will gain an opportunity to reflect on personal priorities and understand why responsibility is important.

Materials: “What Matters To You?” Priorities Worksheet
                  Writing utensils

Activity: 1. Distribute copies of the Priorities Worksheets to every student.

          2. Tell students that they will have 5 minutes to put the items in “Part A” in order of importance. Prioritize the items using the numbers 1 to 10, with 1 being the highest priority and 10 being the lowest priority.

Closure: Split students into pairs or small groups to complete “Part B” of the worksheet or complete “Part B” in a whole class discussion.
What Matters To You?
Priorities Worksheet

Directions: Following the directions for Part A and B to complete the worksheet. For use with the lesson “What Matters To You?”

Part A

Directions: Order the following tasks according to their importance to you, with 1 being the most important and 10 being the least.

1. Do your homework 2. Attend practice or lesson
3. Call your friend 4. Have dinner with your family
5. Household chores 6. Remember your lunch money
7. Get to the bus stop on time for school 8. Watch your favorite TV show
9. Bring correct materials to class 10. Listen to a friend’s problems

Part B

Directions: Compare your above responses to those of your classmates. Answer the following questions based on your observations.

1. What responsibilities did you have in common? Were they rated high or low?

2. Why do differences occur in personal responsibility?
3. Are some things truly more important than others?

4. What factors would cause you to change the way you ranked priorities today?

5. What happens when you make responsible choices?

6. What are the benefits of being responsible?