

EL/Civics Lesson Plan

Program Name Euclid EL/CIVICS

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Date(s) Used	May 2010
Civics Category	II. Civic Participation
Civics Objective	17. Community Resources - Volunteers
Time Frame to Complete Lesson	1-2 hours
EFL(s)	NRS 3, 4, 5, 6
Standard(s)/Components of Performance	Listen Actively Speak so That Others Can Understand
Benchmark(s)	L4.3, L5.3, L5.1, L6.2, L6.3
Materials	Speaker from the local Hunger Center Handout: QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FOOD PANTRY
Activities	<p>Prep the speaker to keep sentences simple and to speak slowly. Ask them to stress the use of volunteers and their motivations.</p> <p>Work with the class in advance on how to seek clarification - raising your hand, asking that something be explained, reworded or repeated. Encourage class to participate actively.</p> <p>Discuss hunger centers such as the one in our building and ask students what they know about them. What is their purpose, who runs them, who benefits from them? Who uses these centers? Try to avoid stigmatizing center participants as poor since many of our students may qualify.</p> <p>Prepare a list of questions to ask a speaker from the hunger center. Steer questions in the direction of what is being distributed. Possible questions include: where the goods come from and who pays for them, who staffs the center, possible stories about the recipients, and income limits on participants. Are the people who come there regulars or people who temporarily need help. Does the center use additional volunteers? What other help does the center need?</p>
	After the speaker leaves, discuss ways in which the class

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Assessment/ Evidence	can help the hunger center. Organize a food drive. Verify that students understand that this resource is also available to them. If possible, visit the hunger center as a field trip. (See lessons ELC 513 and ELC 514 on volunteering)
Reflection	It is important to prepare students for a guest speaker and have post activities to review the speaker's presentation afterward.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FOOD PANTRY

About the Food Panty itself

1. What is the main idea of a food pantry? What do you do?
2. Whose idea was the food pantry?
3. Who is the owner of the food pantry?
4. Who is the head of the organization?
5. How old is your organization?
6. How much food do you give out?
7. Do you have a motto? Do you have a mission statement?
8. What are your standards?
9. Who decides what food and how much you give away?
10. How old is the organization?
11. What cities do you give help to?
12. How do you pay utilities?
13. If you don't have enough food do you integrate with other food pantries?

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About the Workers at the Pantry

1. What kind of people volunteer?
2. Who is allowed to volunteer?
3. How many volunteers do you have?

About the People you help

1. How many people do you help?
2. Is there a limit on the amount of food a family can have?
3. Who can get this help?
4. What kind of support can people get?
5. When can people get help?
6. What kind of people do you help? Who needs help the most?

About Donations

1. Can anybody make a donation?
2. Do you accept only food or some other things like money or clothes?
3. Are donations tax deductible?
4. Where can we donate our extra food?
5. How can we contact your organization if we have extra food?
6. What kind of food do you need?