

**Unit Topic: Intro to Bridges****Activity Name: Lesson #1, What is Bridges?**

*This lesson plan is a great way to introduce your students to the Bridges Program. This lesson can be used as a student advising tool that provides an interactive activity with your students. Together, you and your students, can discuss all the benefits they will have in enrolling in a Bridges Academy or participating in Bridges activities.*

**Objective/Rationale:**

1. Students will be able to identify the key elements represented by the Bridges Academies after watching the Bridges video, taking the Bridges quiz, and having a class discussion.
2. Students will be able to understand the fundamentals of the Bridges Program after completing the “What is Bridges?” worksheet activity.

**Time Frame:** 50 minutes

**Materials:**

- [Bridges Video: What Do You Want to Be When You Grow Up?](#) (2:17 minutes)
- [Bridges Academy handout: What is Bridges?](#)  
(download & copy the 2-page handout from your high school Bridges web page)
- Bridges Quiz & Bridges Answer Key, pages 3-4, What is Bridges? worksheet, page 5

**Directions/Procedure:**

1. Introduce the Bridges Video [What Do You Want to Be When You Grow Up?](#) (preview ahead of time) Let students know that the video will provide them with an overview of what the Bridges Academies Program is all about. Inform students know that there will be a quiz following the video, so they will need to pay attention to the key elements introduced and discussed in the video.
2. Distribute the Bridges Quiz. Once students have completed the quiz, allow students to either correct their own or swap with a neighbor to correct. Go around the classroom soliciting answers. Verify or correct their answers and add in your own commentary as needed. Collect corrected quizzes and grade accordingly.
3. Next, provide students with a copy of your own high school version of “What is Bridges?” which is a 2-page handout (download from your high school Bridges web page) and the accompanying worksheet on page 5. Have students work in groups of 2-3. Give a time limit of 15 minutes for groups to complete the worksheet.
4. Go over the worksheet in class, soliciting answers from the groups. Use this opportunity to embellish, by adding your knowledge of the Academy and what benefits the students have in completing the Academy (share past students’ experiences, etc.). Collect worksheets and evaluate for student’s understanding of the Academy. Use this information to review with students the next day in class and to clarify/adjust their understanding as needed.

### Resources & References:

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- [Bridges Academy handout: What is Bridges?](#)  
(download & copy the 2-page handout from your high school Bridges web page)
- Lesson plan, Bridges Quiz, and What is Bridges? worksheet created by Betsy Picciano

### Assessment/Evaluation:

1. Completed Bridges Quiz
2. Completed What is Bridges? worksheet
3. Class discussions

### Extended Assignments:

- Bridges Intro Lessons 2 & 3



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## Bridges Quiz True or False?

1. Bridges Career Academies can help you navigate your path to the future.  
True      False
2. Bridges Academy courses earn high school credit and possible college credit.  
True      False
3. Bridges Academies focus around a specific career field.  
True      False
4. Bridges Career Academies are not designed to help you connect to high-growth, high-wage, high-demand careers.  
True      False
5. Bridges Academy courses are mainly taught by business professionals from the community.  
True      False
6. While participating in a Bridges Academy, you will gain valuable experience and knowledge you can use outside the classroom.  
True      False
7. Academy courses are all lecture based and have no hands-on or project-based learning activities.  
True      False
8. Bridges offers scholarship and internship opportunities to students.  
True      False
9. When you complete an Academy, you will receive a certificate of completion and a green honor cord.  
True      False
10. It is uncommon to practice skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, or teamwork while enrolled in an Academy course.  
True      False



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## Bridges Quiz Answers

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## What is Bridges?

**Directions: Using the What is Bridges 2-page handout, fill in the correct answer to the question or statement:**

<b>List three facts about Bridges Academies</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.</li> <li>2.</li> <li>3.</li> </ol>
<b>What connects schools and businesses to integrate learning with career experiences? Provide two examples.</b>	<i>Examples:</i>
<b>What grades are Bridges Academies offered to?</b>	
<b>Bridges Career Awareness includes what annual event?</b>	
<b>How do students enroll in a Bridges Academy?</b>	
<b>List of all the Bridges Academies at your high school.</b>	
<b>What is the focus of the Bridges Program?</b>	
<b>List two student benefits you are interested in specifically.</b>	