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Education and Training Career Cluster

Professional Support Services Pathway

Classroom Activities

- Compare and contrast assisted living facilities
- Create a digital short presentation about the benefits of technology in the classroom
- Create a Prezi™ on the various support services offered by your district
- Debate the pros and cons of utilizing professional support services
- Discuss situations in which support services may be needed
- Explain how professional support services benefit the teacher and the student
- Have students interview and document A Day in the Life of a Professional Support Services person on the campus
- Investigate careers within professional support services
- Investigate the qualifications for support services within your school district
- Invite professional support services members to speak to the class about their career
- Job shadow an individual within professional support services
- Listen to and respond to situations involving student confidentiality
- Put together a booklet with terms related to professional support services
- Research child advocacy
- Research the legal and ethical requirements of professional support services personnel
- Research the state certification requirements of three different professional support services personnel
- Role play scenarios in which students provide support to other students
- Volunteer to help out in a special needs classroom

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Service Learning Activities

- Ask students to include their areas of expertise (computer skills, math, English, art) in a **Homework Helpers** list that you distribute to lower grade students. Encourage students to call them when they need specific help.
- Host an informational session on the support services offered by your district
- Host a one week summer camp to help facilitate the transition from middle school to high school for special needs students and their families
- Raise funds for a technology tool to assist teachers or students
- Start a peer buddy program that pairs a general education student and a special education student to foster community within your school
- Volunteer at a Special Olympics event
- Volunteer to read aloud at a school library or community center to help nurture children's love of books