

Employability Skills: Your Attitude and Job Success

**Topic**: Skills and traits needed for success in the workplace.

**Grade**: 7-8

**Standard**: 13.2.8 E. Explain, in the career acquisition process, the importance of the essential workplace skills/knowledge, such as, but not limited to: commitment, communication, dependability, personal initiative, loyalty, integrity, and responsibility.

**Objectives**: Upon completion of a career research project and this lesson, students will be able to identify attitudes and work habits that support career retention and success.

Students will develop an understanding of teamwork and it’s effectiveness in the workplace.

**Background**: Students have completed a unit on career awareness and exploration that included choosing a career and completing a research project regarding the pathway to obtaining a job in that field.

**Procedure**:

**Introduce**: The focus of this lesson will be to have students analyze their own behaviors individually and then with a small group.

* Class will read the short situation that has been given to them regarding observational learning and traits of valued employees and initiative.

**Develop:** Following the summary, students will complete the “Are you a Valuable Employee” survey. This will help them analyze their own skill sets and how they can improve upon certain areas.

**Re-Evaluate:** Break students into groups of 3-5 and assign each group a character trait. Ask each group to develop a graphic organizer for their trait. Students will assess the usefulness of their trait in life and at work.

**Real-World Connection:** What was the purpose of this? Students will share their graphic organizers with the class.

**Close:** This lesson has career readiness as well as self-awareness experiences that can be used to better prepare oneself for the future.

Why is this skill important?

Where can this skill be used?

Related words

**Cooperation**

Dictionary Definition of Skill

How does this skill pertain to your group?