

Freshman Transition: The Role of the Principal

How to Implement a Freshman Transition Course in Your School

The George Washington University's Freshman Transition Initiative

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Agenda

Registration: 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Workshop: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Morning Session: Strategies for Getting Buy-in for Your Freshman Transition Course

- Freshman Transition: What research tells us
- Classroom-based Comprehensive Guidance: What it is and why it is important
- Students' 10-year Education and Career Plans: The key to success
- An Overview of the Course Standards for Freshman Transition Classes
- The Freshman Transition Course vs. Freshman Orientation: Defining the differences

Break

Morning Session (continued): How to Choose a Curriculum that Meets the Standards

- Don't Reinvent the Wheel: Launching with success from the first day of class
- How to Identify a Curriculum that Meets the Standards
- Correlation Strategies for Evaluating a Curriculum
- An Overview of *Career Choices* and *My10yearPlan.com*: An example of curriculum that meets the Course Standards for Freshman Transition Classes
- Models for Integrating Academics into a Freshman Transition Course

Catered Lunch

Afternoon Session: Strategies for Teacher Selection and Support

- Freshman Transition Course Instructors: What we know
- Strategies for Recruiting the Best Teachers
- The Lead Teacher: How to recruit, develop, retain, and reward
- Professional Development: Strategies and opportunities
- Program Assessment: What to look for and how to measure it
- Getting Buy-in from Parents and Community Partners for Your Freshman Transition Course

Break

Afternoon Session (continued): Customizing Your Course to Fit Your School's Goals

- Where Can a Freshman Transition Course Fit in Your School Schedule?
- Integrating Technology into Your Freshman Transition Course
- Beyond the Freshman Year: Keeping students focused and motivated using their 10-year plans
- An Overview of the School-wide Initiative
- Next Steps: Your action plan

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