5 Assess Progress and Begin Your Portfolio

TRANSITION OBJECTIVE

Students will begin to evaluate their progress by completing the **Assessment & Portfolio Guide** and starting their **Transition Portfolio** by inserting the first work sample.

RELEVANCE TO SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION

One of the most important activities in developing strongly positive self-esteem is evaluating personal progress. Effective evaluation includes a review of new learning, assessment of present levels of performance and building a portfolio of work samples.

INSTRUCTIONAL SEQUENCE

Taking tests makes me feel....

☐ STEP 2: Convene Roundtable

"The quality of work I have completed so far in this class is _____."

☐ **STEP 3**: Advance Organizer

"Today we will review what we have learned so far and begin your **Transitions Portfolio**."

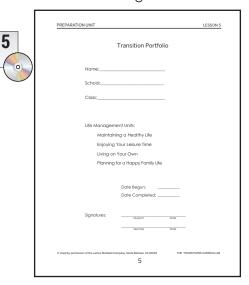
☐ STEP 4: Activity - 5 Minutes

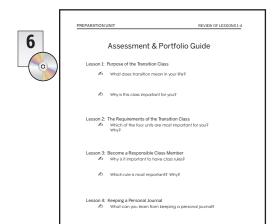
Tell students that in this class they will not take formal tests but will be evaluated in other ways. Every five or six lessons, students will complete an authentic assessment process that includes a review of new lessons, answering assessment questions about those lessons and adding work samples to their Transition Portfolio. These lessons are entitled Assess Progress and Build Your Transition Portfolio.

☐ STEP 5: Activity - 40 Minutes

Introduce the **Transition Portfolio**. Show an example of a portfolio (three-ring binder, file folder or computer document) that contains the **Transition Portfolio** title page with your name, position, school, year, class title and period and the handout from Lesson 3. Explain that students will add information to their own portfolios throughout the class.

To review information from the first four lessons, have students work in pairs for 10 minutes to complete the **Assessment & Portfolio Guide**. Go over the answers with the class. Direct students to start their portfolio with their completed **Transition Portfolio** title sheet, the Syllabus from Lesson 2 and the completed **Assessment & Portfolio Guide**. Each of the **Assessment & Portfolio Guide** throughout the four units in *Personal Management* will be included in the **Portfolio** (electronic or hard copy). Remind students they will add their **Assessment & Portfolio Guide** to their **Transition Portfolio** throughout the course.





☐ **STEP 6**: Evaluate Outcomes

My portfolio will be valuable to me because "."

☐ STEP 7: Connecting Activity

Have students discuss the meaning of the following two quotes:

- 1. "Knowledge is power."
- —Sir Francis Bacon, 1597
- 2. "Before you get the three R's," said Grandpa, "you've got to master the three L's -- look, listen and learn."
- -Mark Twain

KEY WORDS				
portfolio	self-evaluation	reflection	think	realize

MATERIALS AND PREPARATION

- Student Handouts: Transition Portfolio, page 5; Assessment & Portfolio Guide, page 6.
- Prepare a sample of the **Transition Portfolio**.
- Become familiar with the Assessment & Portfolio Guide.

SCANS FOUNDATION SKILLS

- Basic Academic Skills: Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking
- Thinking Skills: Knowing How to Learn
- Personal Qualities: Responsibility, Self Management