

Workplace Readiness Skills for the Commonwealth Grades 6 – 8 School

Professional Knowledge and Skills

10. **Critical Thinking and Problem Solving:** Analyzes and resolves problems that arise in completing assigned tasks

Objective: Student will analyze a situation and determine appropriate resources to assist with resolving related issues.

Activities:

1. Have students identify a variety of resources in the workplace (e.g. supervisors, co-workers, training manuals, computer, etc.).
2. Determine appropriate workplace resource(s) to utilize when given a variety of scenarios.

Objective: Student will analyze a situation and give possible solutions.

Activities:

1. Use current events to discuss problems in the world and possible solutions.
2. Give students a task to complete and intentionally leave out steps or materials so that the student must use critical thinking skills to solve the problem (e.g. ask for help, find missing materials).
3. Complete puzzles.
4. Play “What Would You Do?” Give scenarios where students must analyze a situation and give solutions.