

Workplace Readiness Skills for the Commonwealth

Grades 9 – 10

Home

Professional Knowledge and Skills

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

Objective: Student will develop and implement a budget given a specific amount of money.

Activities:

1. Provide son/daughter with an allotment of money for a week or the month. Then assist him/her to develop a budget using critical thinking skills to anticipate how they will spend the money. Throughout the month, throw unexpected “expenses” at your son/daughter so that they have to prioritize and decide how they will spend the remainder of their money.

Objective: The student will solve problems that occur in a home environment.

Activities:

1. Given a problem situation talk your son/daughter through the process of resolving the issue (e.g. power outage, emergencies).
2. Have your son/daughter determine what household problems can be resolved at home and which ones require outside help.
3. Have your son/daughter determine appropriate ways to get assistance when he/she needs money.