

October Near-Peer Meeting Ideas

Monthly Peak Ed programming in schools: [GPA Game](#)

Follow up topics for your one-on-one meeting:

(I highly recommend that you read over the instructions for the game before you meet with your mentee.)

1. Ask them what they learned from playing the game! See what their takeaways were.
2. Explore/Explain the concept of GPA. (Do they know what it stands for? How it's calculated at their school? Do + and – grades count? What classes do and don't count in their GPA? What classes do and don't count when various colleges look at their GPA? What about honors? AP? Can you do anything about a low GPA?)
3. What is important beyond GPA when applying to college?
4. Make it relevant: If they are only 9th 10th graders, the whole college admissions thing might seem far off. You could go through the list of 25 descriptors under "Play" and talk about which ones they have no control over/don't apply to them yet, and which ones they actually DO have some control over.
5. Make it personal! Share YOUR thoughts/experiences with your own GPA in high school. What factors beyond your GPA helped or hurt you as a college applicant? Is GPA/ grading different in college?

Other related topics to explore:

1. What's your lowest grade and why?
2. What's your highest grade and why?
3. How do you advocate for yourself when you get a grade (on a paper/test/assignment) that you don't think is fair, or that you don't understand why you got that grade?
4. How do you monitor your grades?
5. What can/should you do if you see your grades slipping?
6. What role does attendance play in your grades? How is it important even beyond GPA? (Maybe talk about how this is similar or different in college, based on your experience.)

Resources for you and your mentees:

[How important is my GPA, really?](#) (Scholarprep)

[GPA Calculator](#) (lets you set a goal for improvement and calculate how to get there.)

Important note: I will be sending out a **quick survey** to see how things are going for you and your mentee(s) at the end of October. Please look for it and complete it within 48 hours. remember to keep track of when you meet, for how long, via what platform (Zoom, in person, etc.), and what you talk about/did. Here is a [template](#) you can use if you would like.

Thank you for making a difference in a young person's life. Please get in touch with me with any questions or concerns! You are AWESOME!

Anne