



Communication: Suggestions



Communication is one of the eight skill areas identified as being important for students to learn in order to be successful leaders in their lives. We believe that these skills can be taught every day in the lessons and activities you provide to your students. Below are suggestions and questions to help facilitate the development of this skill area when you find a lesson plan that is marked as utilizing “communication”.

Suggestions:

- Specifically point out the ways in which the lesson utilizes communication
 - Discuss the method of communication used in the lesson
 - Discuss ways that communication can occur, even if it is not so obvious
 - Note visual ways of communication – body language, symbols, tone
- If the lesson involves a speaking role, help students practice their skills
 - Discuss pace, volume, emphasis, etc.
- If the lesson involves writing, help students practice their skills
 - Discuss structure, grammar, editing, etc.
- Point out ways that practicing this type of communication can help build leadership
 - Interactions with others
 - Effectively conveying a message
 - Understanding information presented to you
- Look at the additional resources for Communication on the imaleaderpa.org website

Questions:

- What is the main message being either given or received?
- If you are tasked with conveying a message, what information did you need to gather before doing so?
- How did you receive the message that the speaker/author was trying to convey?
- What could they have done better?
- Are there other ways of communicating that could be used?
- Is the speaker/author someone you would like to follow?
 - What about their communication style made you feel this way?
- Do you think your message will effectively reach other people?
 - What parts of your communication make you think this?