Counselor Activity

Objective: Students will explore different types of questions and actions they must take each year in high school to discuss with a counselor.

Overview: The counselor activity is a hands-on way for students to explore the different types of questions they need to discuss with their counselors each year. This is a great way for students to explore the role counselor’s play in high school.

Materials:
Handout 1: Question/Action Cards with Titles
Magnets

Preparations: Each set of cards should be printed in a different color to eliminate mixed decks. The cards must also be cut prior to the lesson.

Instructions: (30 minutes)

Part 1: (10 minutes)
   a. Students will be given a set of Question/Action cards along with the corresponding titles. The students will be instructed to place the title cards across the tops of their table in order. (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior.)
   b. The students will then read each question/action card and place it under the column of the year, that discussion should take place with their counselor.
   c. Once the students are done, a mentor will quickly check their progress and ask questions that make the students think about where they placed their cards, and why.

Part 2: (20 minutes)
   a. Once the class is confident that all of their cards are in the correct columns, we will go through the Question/Action cards as a class. We will create the four columns with the correct cards in each column as a class on the whiteboard.
      a. The instructor will start with Freshman year and have students discuss what Questions/Actions they placed in that column and why. If the students are correct, they will place their card on the whiteboard, holding it in place with a magnet.
      b. As a class, discuss each Question/Action quickly until you have a completed version on the board.