

Workplace Readiness Skills for the Commonwealth

Work Ethic at Work

I learned the value of hard work by working hard.—Sr. Margaret Fitzpatrick, American educator

The best kind of pride is that which compels a person to do his or her best work even when no one is looking.—Unknown

Student Activity: Write, with a partner or as a group, a skit that features an employer and employee(s) exemplifying a good work ethic. The setting could be a store, restaurant, or other business/service. Incorporate at least one phone call into the scenario. Present skit to class.

Note to Teacher: Ask students to jot down observations of classmates' skits. Follow each skit with a brief discussion wherein students may offer feedback to presenters.

This activity may be adapted to have students incorporate workplace skills, such as communication, reasoning, problem solving, and decision making. They may demonstrate skills of a positive attitude, of independence and initiative, of self presentation, and of teamwork.

Suggested Learning Measure: Written script; presentation of skit; and participation in class discussion

Internet Resource: The Work Ethic Site
Lesson 3–Interpersonal Skills
<http://workethic.coe.uga.edu/less3.html>