



## Grade 9 Sample Lesson Plan: Virginia Laws Related to Gang and Weapons

### SOLs

- Explain Virginia laws and responsibilities associated with weapon and gang involvement.
- Demonstrate healthy decision making strategies related to weapons.

### Objectives/Goals

- Students will be able to articulate Virginia laws and responsibilities associated with weapon and gang involvement.
- Students will promote thoughtful and healthy decisions related to weapons.

### Materials

- Internet research
- Powerpoint

### Procedure

- Teacher will introduce students to the Virginia Rules website: including the following pages
  - <http://www.virginiarules.com/students/>
  - <http://www.virginiarules.com/juvenile-law-handbook/offenses-weapons>
  - <http://www.virginiarules.com/virginia-rules/gangs>
- Students will write and submit a paper explaining Virginia laws and responsibilities associated with weapon and gang involvement.
- In small groups, students will prepare and present a 5 minute PSA or skit on healthy decision making strategies in situations that involve weapons.

### Assessment Idea

- Are students able to adequately explain Virginia laws and responsibilities?

- Can students identify and articulate at least one healthy strategy to avoid law breaking and/or injury related to weapons?

### References

- Virginia Rules: Teens Learn and Live the Law
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