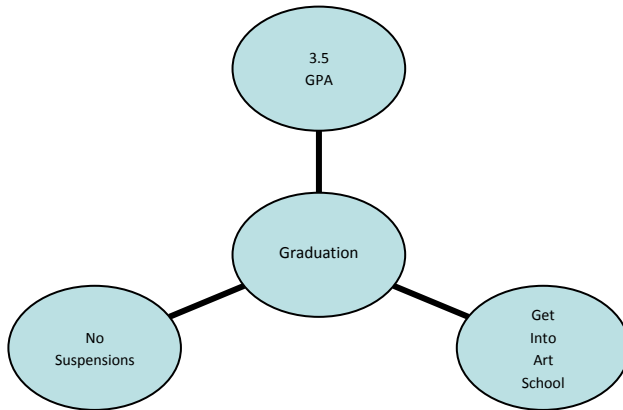


SETTING FUTURE GOALS

Teacher Resource 1



Mind Mapping Vs. Concept Mapping

It is important that students be allowed to be creative and use different parts of their brain. You want learning to be fun and beneficial for all students. Some students may not find it engaging to read and write narrative. LINKS allows you opportunities to explore

alternative ways of learning with students. You may use Mind Mapping or Concept Mapping in other lessons. It is introduced as resource in this lesson, but we hope you will use it often.

What is Concept Mapping?

A concept map shows relationships between different concepts. For instance, this map shows the relationship between graduating from high school and getting into art school. Students can use computer drawing tools if they enjoy technology. They can also hand draw and link concepts together using boxes or circles. This map could be expanded to show what happens after art school and after that. Concepts may be linked by lines or arrows or shown as a hierarchy. The map can be adapted through the vision of the student. It is different from Mind Mapping in that it is designed to link several concepts together.

What is Mind Mapping?

Mind Mapping is less linear in nature and one idea is not necessarily linked to the other. Mind Mapping is a great brainstorming tool, students start with a single concept or goal and map out everything that comes to mind either by writing words or drawing symbols or pictures. Mind Mapping is less formal. Words are not put in a circle or square, but simply branch off each other. Using the example of visualizing graduation day, students would write down every positive thought (goal) that comes to mind relating to graduation day. They can draw a dress, suit, cap, family, friends, A+, footballs, whatever they dream they have achieved while in high school. Their ideas and dreams will be connected by tree-like branches.

For more information, you may wish to explore:

Mind Mapping http://www.12manage.com/methods_mind_mapping.html

Concept Mapping <http://classes.aces.uiuc.edu/ACES100/Mind/CMap.html>