

Scenario #1

You are a fairly new teacher. You pride yourself on your ability to build rapport with students fairly easily. One day, a 15 year-old sophomore stays in your room after class and shares with you that she thinks she is pregnant. She hasn't told anyone yet, but felt that you might know what to do. How would you approach this situation?

Extension: You overheard recently that she has been dating a 19 year-old. Does this change how you would handle the situation?

Scenario #2

A student in your class has been acting funny and out of character. At the beginning the year, he was just what you would consider to be an "ordinary" teenage kid. He was a member of the soccer team, and also participated in the jazz band. He was involved in a variety of school activities and was well liked. About two weeks ago, something began to change. The student quit the soccer team stating he was concerned about his grades. Yet, he started doing less and less class work for you. His grade started falling even more rapidly. In class, he seems less motivated and focused than he used to be. Yesterday, you saw him give his iPod to a buddy in the hall stating, "you can probably use this more than me." Something doesn't feel right, what do you do?

Scenario #3

A student comes to your class complaining of stomach troubles. She likes to eat saltines for her stomach problems, and wants to know if she can do it in your class. At first, you feel like this is no big deal. However, as things continue with this student, you realize that there is something more. Every day, she comes to class with an issue. She will tell you that she has a bladder infection, so she needs the restroom, or that she has a terrible headache and can't stay in your class, or that she is still having stomach issues. She is having a difficult time in your class because of this. What do you do?

Write Your Own Scenario

You will have 5 minutes to select a topic and write a scenario that might happen in your classroom. We will discuss as a class how we might handle the situation.

Topics include, but are not limited to:

Alcohol and drugs

Bullying and cyberbullying

Depression

Eating disorders

Grief and loss

Homelessness and runaways

Mental health

School violence

Sexual and domestic violence

Sexuality and sexual health

Stress and anxiety

Suicide

Teen parenting

Teen pregnancy

Scenario: _____
