

Scenario 4 – Goals and Objectives  
Group 1

Congratulations on your new first grade job in the Placid Plains School District. As you know the school begins in August with teacher planning days, and our classes commence right after Labor Day. I will be your principal this year and look forward to working with you. Because you are a new teacher, I would like to work closely with you and the other first year teachers on your plans for this year. I am holding a meeting of all first year teachers on Wednesday of the planning week and would like you to come to this meeting prepared to present your ideas on three conceptual and practical issues.

1. What goals do you have for the upcoming school year for yourself and for your students?
2. How did you go about establishing these goals, and how would you recommend that your peers go about establishing their own goals?
3. What methods do you plan on using to help you determine if you and your students are meeting or have met these goals?

Welcome and have a wonderful year,

Principal Skinner

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Group 2

Congratulations on your new first grade job in the Placid Plains School District. As you know the school begins in August with teacher planning days, and our classes commence right after Labor Day. I will be your principal this year and look forward to working with you. I know that you have recently graduated from a high-quality teacher education program and I am very interested in some of the new ideas and methods that you have studied. I am holding a meeting of all first year teachers on Wednesday of the planning week and would like you to come to this meeting prepared to present your ideas on three conceptual and practical issues.

1. What do you believe an objective is and what purpose should it serve in your planning and teaching?
2. What are the different ways in which to conceive of and write objectives?
3. What do you feel are the advantages and drawbacks of each of these ways?

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Group 3

Congratulations on your new first grade job in the Placid Plains School District. As you know the school begins in August with teacher planning days, and our classes commence right after Labor Day. I will be your principal this year and look forward to working with you. I know that you have recently graduated from a high-quality teacher education program and I am very interested in some of the new ideas and methods that you have studied. In particular, for years I have been fascinated by how teachers carefully lay out their goals and objectives, and yet neglect to conceive of and articulate the means they will use to assess them. I am holding a meeting of all first year teachers on Wednesday of the planning week and would like you to come to this meeting prepared to present your ideas on two conceptual and practical issues. Based on your reading and discussions with colleagues:

1. What do you believe should be the purpose of assessments?
2. As teachers design lessons, what should be the relation between the goals and objectives that they establish, the learning that takes place, and the assessments that they employ?

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Principal Skinner