

LESSON PLAN: UNDERSTANDING ORGAN DONATION



Time Frame: Variable 15 to 45 minutes

This lesson is designed to introduce the student to the topic of organ donation in preparation for being asked if they want to join the NC Donor Registry when they apply for their driver's license.

Students will:

- Watch a video about organ donation provided by Donate Life North Carolina.
- Be provided printed materials that explain the legal decision they are making in joining the donor registry.
- Be encouraged to have a conversation with their parent/guardian about their decision.

Performance Objectives	Learning Activities	Resources
Students will understand the basics of the donation process and the opportunity they have to save lives as a donor.	Select and play a video that provides an overview of the topic.	Stories of Hope DVD (compilation DVD provided by Donate Life NC including ESPN's Ray of Hope, CBS' Chris Henry story, and others ranging from 4 to 15 min. in length)
Students will understand the ways they can register as a donor and that placing a heart on their license is a legal decision. Students will also know where to get additional information if they have further questions on the topic.	Distribute and review Understanding Donation Handout with this information.	Understanding Donation Handout
Students will speak with their parents/guardian about their decision.	Distribute the Share Your Decision Handout and begin assignment or assign as homework.	Share Your Decision Handout or ask students to write about their thoughts on donation on their own paper and bring it back with a parent's signature. Note: Several teachers offer extra credit for returned/signed assignments.

Optional Additions	Activity	Materials
Class Discussion	Following the video, lead a class discussion using the comprehension questions provided for that video. Note: Questions may be shared with the students in advance to help focus their attention.	"Stories of Hope" DVD Guide
Quiz	May be given prior to the lesson to introduce the topic or following the lesson to gauge comprehension and retention of the information.	Donation & Transplantation Quiz