

Backpack Organization

Materials

- Two (2) backpacks filled with school supplies (e.g., folders, notebooks, binders, pencils, etc.)
- Two (2) sets of 12 sheets, each with one letter in "ORGANIZATION"
- Students should also bring their own backpacks

Preparation

- In one backpack, label the folders (e.g., Math, English, Social Studies, Motivation & Study Skills Group). In the folder labeled with the name of the group, place all 12 letters neatly organized.
- In the other backpack, stuff extra irrelevant papers all into one folder. Stuff some of the 12 letters into this folder as well. Randomly place letters throughout backpack in various compartments with some crumbled and ripped.

Part 1

- Divide students into two teams. Each team member will take turns searching through their backpack to find 12 sheets of paper with letters on them. Once they find all their letters, they will have to work together to figure out what word the letters spell. (Answer: "ORGANIZATION"). Follow w/ processing questions.
 - *What was the difference between the two backpacks?*
 - *What was easy/hard about looking for the letters in each backpack?*
 - *Why is organization important in school? What about outside of school?*
 - *Which of these backpacks could represent your school career right now?*

Part 2

- *Take your own backpack out and open it up. Which of our backpacks from this activity looks like yours?*
- *How can you apply this to other parts of your life? (e.g., locker, folder, iPad apps, your room, closet etc.)*