February 12th, 2016
Advisor Lesson Plan

Objectives of Lesson:

To return ASPIRE test scores to our sophomore students.
To help students understand their ASPIRE scores.
To provide students with information on how to improve their standardized test scores.

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| Welcome               | 5 min | 1) Attendance and general welcome.  
2) Give initial instructions to students |
| 1) Hand out student folders | 20 min | 1) Distribute Score Reports: Distribute to each student his or her score report. Some of you will also distribute Using Your ASPIRE Results at the start of the advisory while others may prefer to hold that until you have gone over the main points to help students understand the score report. **IMPORTANT:** Remind students that due to testing day technical issues, score reports are likely to be affected and to use caution when interpreting their score reports. Ideal testing environments are crucial for accurate test results, and so therefore students and families need to keep this in mind when reviewing results.  
2) If you did not distribute the Using Your ASPIRE Results handout, then do so now. Encourage students to read it carefully and to show it and their score report to their parents. |
| Collect folders       | 5 min |                                                                                         |
Understanding Your ACT Aspire™ Results in Three Quick Steps

Your ACT Aspire student score report contains a lot of information about your skills that can help answer three important questions about you and your future.

1. **Where do I stand right now?**
   ACT Aspire shows your strengths and weaknesses in up to five subject areas: English, math, reading, science, and writing. You can also see how you are doing in combined subject areas such as English language arts (ELA) and science and math (STEM).
   Your report also shows how you performed in specific skill areas within each subject.
   Finally, you can see how your scores compare to those of other students who have taken ACT Aspire.

2. **How can I make goals for the future?**
   The scores you achieved on the ACT Aspire test(s) can help you decide what to do next.
   Looking at particular areas of strength and weakness can help you determine where you need help and where you may need to be challenged. This information can help you plan coursework and set goals.

3. **Am I on target for high school, college, and a career?**
   For most students, reaching their goals includes getting a high school and college education. Preparing for college or workplace training means having access to quality instruction and putting forth your best effort. Your ACT Aspire score report references ACT Readiness Benchmarks, ACT Readiness Ranges, and, if you are in 8th grade or above, a Progress Toward Career Readiness indicator.

This guide will help you understand the information on your ACT Aspire student score report and how it can help you. Later, visit www.discoveractaspire.org for more information and to watch a video for students and parents.
A Message to Parents of Students in Grades 8–10

Education has many benefits. High school and college graduates have more opportunities available to them, including more job options and higher earning potential than students who don't graduate.

Being prepared for postsecondary education means first taking the right courses in high school. All students need to take at least the minimum high school core curriculum—four years of English and at least three years each of math, social studies, and science. It is important to encourage your son or daughter to take challenging courses and to put in the work needed to do well in those courses.

Compare your son’s or daughter’s scores to those of other students and to the ACT Readiness Benchmark scores. This can give you an early indication of his or her likely readiness for the future, providing time to address areas where improvement is needed. But it’s important to use that time well. Be sure to review all of your child’s ACT Aspire student score report, particularly the suggestions for improving his or her skills.

Getting the best education possible is an important key to your child’s future. ACT Aspire organizes the important information you need to consider in helping your child develop educational plans to meet his or her goals.