

# **STUDENT ADVISORY ACTIVITY**

## **9th GRADE**

### **SESSION #24**

**Topic:** Understanding the Importance of CAPT

**Time Required:** 35minutes

**Objective:**

Students will learn about the CAPT

**School Core Values & Beliefs Expectations Codes:**

Knowledgeable Person

**Activity Statement:**

Students will discuss the purpose and content of the CAPT/Graduation requirement.

**Materials Needed:**

Copies of Overview of the CAPT

**Procedure:**

1. Ask students to explain why these tests are given.
2. Ask students what they already know about these tests.
3. Give reasons on why we have to take these tests.
4. Distribute Overview of the CAPT/Overview of the MOCK CAPT and review with students.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Who the CAPT?
2. Who scores these tests?
3. Where do we take these tests?
4. What do you need to know before these tests?

**Closure:**

Prior knowledge of the test will help ease students' anxiety about the test. Better preparation will lead to better performance.

**Next Advisory Lesson:**

What to Expect in Sophomore Year

## **CAPT RATIONALE**

### **What will I be tested on?**

There is a Reading Across the Disciplines (response to literature) section, Math, Science and Writing Across the Disciplines section. The Writing section contains an Editing and Revising test.

### **Why CAPT?**

CAPT is designed to assess critical thinking skills which are needed both for success in the work place and in college. It is part of a nationwide movement toward standardized testing. Whether you agree with standardized testing or not, you are still responsible for passing this test. Wilby High School has made it a graduation requirement.

### **What happens if I don't pass?**

Because we believe that the CAPT test is a fair and equitable test, WHS feels that passing CAPT should be a part of graduation requirements. If you do not pass CAPT, you will be responsible for proving your skill level in a portfolio of collected work or pass an exit criteria course.