



RESOURCES

Resources for Teachers and Planners

Looking for activities, lesson plans, and other materials that you can use when working with youth? The resources listed here are located on APA's website.

Grades 4–6

To begin, your students will want to know about planners and city planning. You can use the companion flyer *What Is Planning?* or, for younger audiences, the Kids and Community website.

Kids and Community

www.planning.org/kidsandcommunity

What Is a City Planner?

www.planning.org/kidsandcommunity/whatisplanning
You may print and make copies.

More About City Planning

www.planning.org/kidsandcommunity/moreplanning/
You may print and make copies.



Metropolis: A Green City of Your Own

An interdisciplinary, standards-based curriculum designed by a teacher and planner to

teach students about edges, districts, public spaces, landmarks and transportation.
www.planning.org/apastore/

Next, you may wish to use an activity that introduces the concept of community and basic planning issues. The Kids and Community website has several options. The one listed here is linked to a lesson plan.

Activity and Lesson Plan

"City Gallery—Great Place/Lousy Place"
www.planning.org/kidsandcommunity/citygallery
 Lesson Plan Linked to "City Gallery—Great Place/Lousy Place"
www.planning.org/resourceszine/articleview.htm?ArticleID=8887

Grades 7–10

Students in this age bracket can use the companion flyer *What Is Planning?*, which may be copied, or go to career section of APA website.

Considering a Career in Planning

Who are planners and what is the field of planning?
www.planning.org/onthejob/
You may print and make copies.

Activity and Lesson Plan

Introduces the concept of plans and planning "City Detective: How Many Parks are Needed?" Located on ResourcesZine; *You may print and make copies.*
www.planning.org/resourceszine/articleview.htm?ArticleID=9007

Supplemental Reading

These are written for an adult audience, but young people should be able to grasp most of the ideas.

- "How Cities Use Parks to Help Children Learn"
- "How Cities Use Parks to Create Safer Neighborhoods"
- "How Cities Use Parks to Improve Public Health"
- www.planning.org/cityparks/briefingpapers/

Grades 11–12

For high school students, you may use the companion flyer *What Is Planning?* or the APA website career information to introduce the field of planning.

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Activity and Lesson Plan

Can be adapted to a lesson plan "Creating a Green Neighborhood Plan" Located on the High School Essay Contest page. Instructions are located at the bottom of the page. www.planning.org/essay/2008/question.htm

Supplemental Reading

Use the term "green communities" and search the APA website using the keyword search function.

Kids' Planning Toolbox for Teachers <http://blogs.planning.org/kids>

Be sure to subscribe to the blog's RSS feed at the address above.



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