

Lesson Study: Group Goal Selection

1. Think about the aspirations that you have for your students. What kind of students do you want to foster and help develop at your school? What qualities do you want your students to have by the time they leave your school?

2. What gaps do you see between these aspirations and how children are actually developing at your school?

3. Discuss these gaps with your group. As a group, select a “gap” that you would like to focus on with your lesson study. What “gap” have you selected?

4. Write a group goal that states the quality you would like to develop in your students, in order to address the gap that you have chosen.

Example of a “gap” that could be selected, and its development into a goal:

1. ***I want my students to be curious about mathematics. They should not see mathematics as something that they are forced to learn in school, but otherwise have no interest in. I want them to realize that mathematics is inherently interesting and I want them to be motivated to learn mathematics not only in school, but also from their peers and their environment.***

2. ***I have noticed that my students don't seem to care about mathematics. They have no apparent curiosity about numbers or what they could mean. They don't ask questions, or really want to discover the answers to questions that I pose to them.***

3. ***The lack of student curiosity about mathematics.***

4. ***To develop students who are curious about mathematics, and who will engage in mathematics to satisfy their curiosities.***