

You're Not in Kansas Anymore:
*Orientation That Helps Students
Fly Over the Rainbow*



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The Potential of Orientation

Think back to your law school orientation:

1. What do you remember about it?
2. How did it make you feel?
3. What was missing?

Presentation Objectives

- Initiate Conversation
- Consider Factors for Success
- Suggest Goals
- Show Possibilities
- Offer Implementation Ideas

Factors to Ensure Success

- Create Planning Committee
- Ensure faculty buy-in
- Connect to mission
- Respond to student's needs
- Integrate into the curriculum
- Provide on-going assessment
- Articulate Goals

Range of Possibilities

- Short orientation
- Comprehensive
- First-year Integrated

Orientation Goals

- To construct the profession as a calling
- to create pedagogical, substantive context
- to communicate care and model empathy and compassion
- to cultivate community
- to confirm student self-confidence

Construct Calling

Think of ways you do or could construct calling to help students:

Initiate professional formation

Develop life's purpose and articulate goals

Think of ways your school does or could construct calling to help students:

Initiate professional formation

Develop life's purpose and articulate goals

Create Context

Think of ways you do or could create the following contexts:

Pedagogical/Syntactical/Substantive

Think of ways your school does or could create the following contexts:

Pedagogical/Syntactical/Substantive

Communicate Care

Think of ways you do or could communicate/promote care:

Institutional care for students

Your care for students

Peer care for students

Self-care for student

Think of ways your school does or could communicates/promotes care:

Institutional care for students

Faculty care for students

Peer care for students

Self-care for student

Cultivate Community

Think of ways you do or could cultivate community.

Think of ways your school does or could cultivate community.

Confirm Confidence

Think of ways you do or could cultivate community.

Think of ways your school does or could cultivate community.

List Two Suggestions to Improve Orientation at Your School

1.

2.

