

The 9-10 Connection

January 2023


Happy New Year! I hope you have been able to enjoy break and are ready to return to school & tackle 2nd semester! Remember, your grades in high school COUNT. Depending on the course, you could have to take it again if you do not pass it. Keep this in mind as you move into this next semester. As a reminder, if you ever want to meet with me, please reach out via my [School Counselor Request Form](#).

TIP: Anything in BLUE is a link for more information!

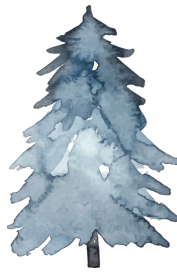
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 [School Counselor Request Form](#)



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

- National Reach Your Potential Month
- Jan 4 - School Resumes
- Jan 4 -11 - End of Course Retakes
- Jan 16 - No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Jan 25 - 2 Hour Late Start

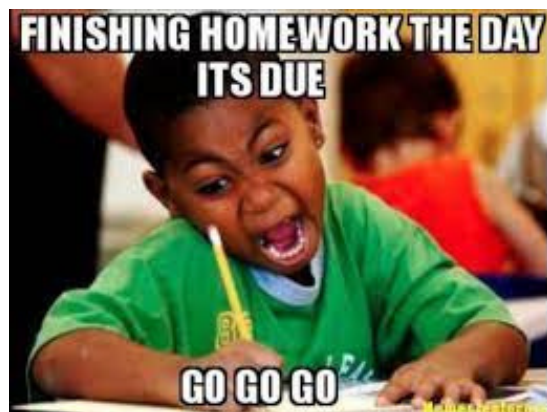
ATTENTION SOPHOMORES INTERESTED IN EASTLAND-FAIRFIELD CAREER SCHOOLS!

REMINDER: If you are interested in attending a program with Eastland-Fairfield Career Schools, you **MUST** complete an application **before Feb. 10th!** Please **DO NOT** wait until the last minute as Mrs. Shipe has to complete some materials on her end for your application as well.

You can find the application [HERE!](#)

You can find information about program offerings and application processes by clicking the link above.

Good luck!



Please DO NOT wait until the day it is due to apply for this opportunity if you are interested!

National Reach Your Potential Month

January is National Reach Your Potential Month! With a full year behind us, and now a full year ahead of us, there is no better time than NOW to begin to take a look at your habits. Evaluate what habits are actually helping you, and which ones are hindering you as you strive for your highest potential.



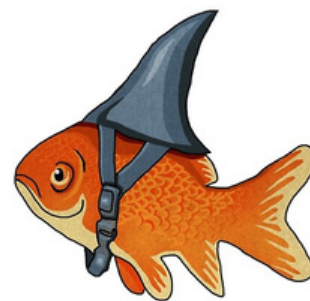
Questions to ponder...

- Do you think you have a choice in who you become?
- Do you think that the things that have happened to you are the things that define you?
- Do you believe that your worth is based on what everyone else thinks?
- Do you think that how you handle your life is based on the things that happened to you and cannot be changed?
- Have you ever felt that things couldn't be different for you no matter how hard you try?

Fixed Mindset vs. Growth Mindset

- **Growth Mindset:** the belief that intelligence, abilities, talents, thoughts are learnable and capable of improvement or change through effort.
- **Fixed Mindset:** the belief that those same things are not changeable and you are going to continue the same way your entire life.

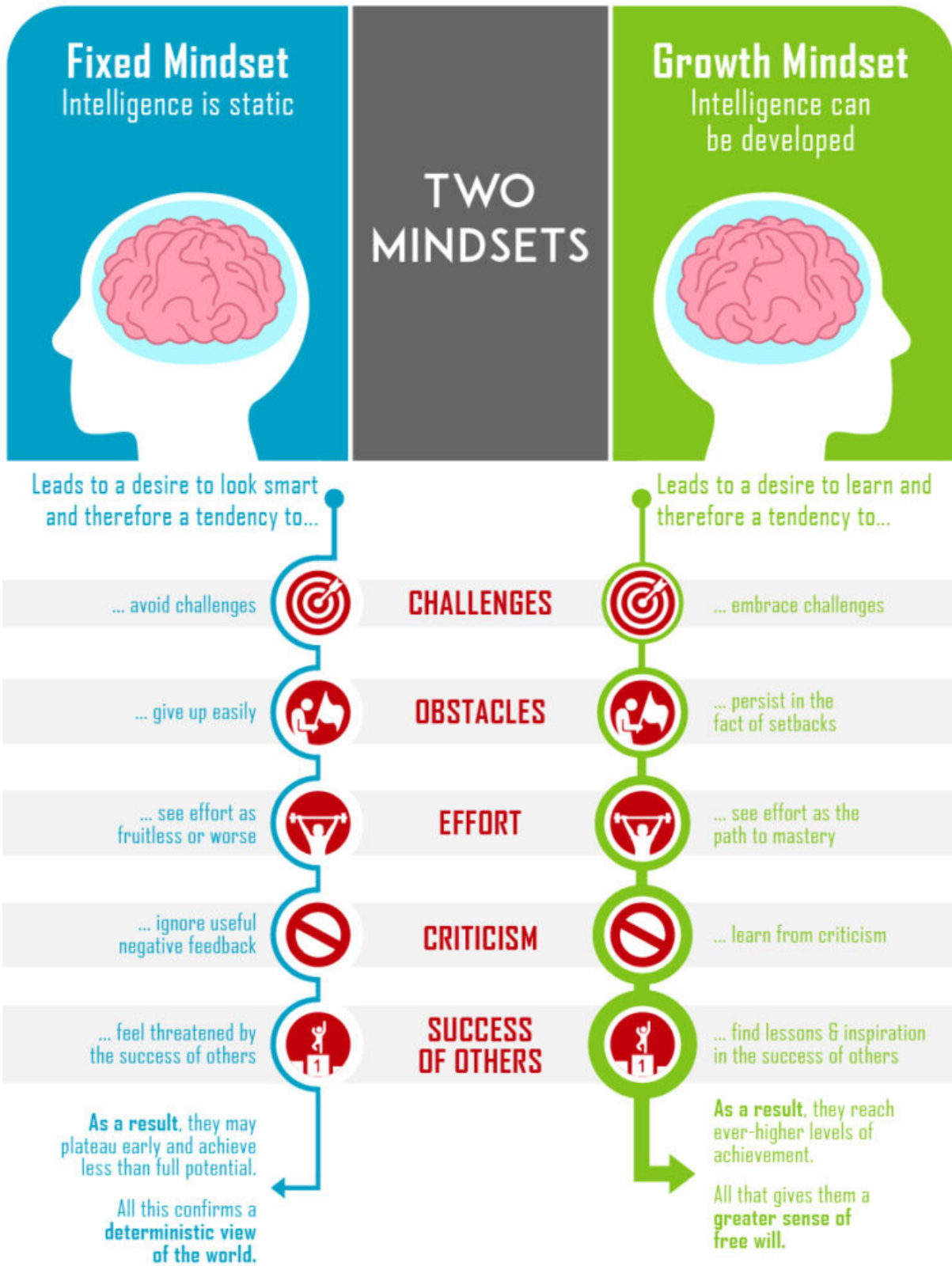
TIP! You can begin to GROW a growth mindset today. Try to acknowledge & celebrate some small wins & see what happens!



MINDSET IS EVERYTHING!

[10 Tips to get moving... CLICK HERE!](#)

National Reach Your Potential Month



Graduation Requirements

Below you will find more information regarding graduation requirements. It may be difficult for you to wrap your head around all that is required to graduate. We are here to help!

It may seem like graduation is really far away right now. But, it will be here before you know it! Be sure to keep up-to-date on your status toward graduation through your Career & College Readiness course, or [schedule a meeting with me](#).

[Graduation Requirement Info from the Ohio Department of Education](#)

"Students in the classes of 2023 and beyond (those who entered grade 9 on or after July 1, 2019) are now required to meet a new set of graduation requirements. These new graduation requirements consist of three key components:

1. [Course Completion](#)

Students will satisfy Ohio's curriculum requirements and any additional local requirements. Students will complete the state minimum 20 units, with specific units required in each content area.

2. [Demonstrating Competency](#)

Students will demonstrate competency in the foundational areas of English language arts and mathematics or through alternative demonstrations, which include College Credit Plus, career-focused activities, their ACT or SAT scores, or military enlistment.

3. [Demonstrating Readiness \(Seals\)](#)

Students will demonstrate readiness for their post-high school paths by earning two diploma seals that allow them to demonstrate important foundational and well-rounded academic and technical knowledge, professional skills, and leadership and reasoning skills."

P.S. I am going to include this in every issue of *The 9-10 Connection* because it's that important!
