

Strategies to Get Students Walking & Talking

- Block Party
- Mix-Freeze-Pair
- Microlabs
- Four Corners
- Labeling

Block Party

Why:

Gives students an opportunity to randomly group, reflect upon, and discuss text.



Block Party

- 1. Read and reflect on your quote.
- 2. Join a party with 4 different colors.
- 3. Each read your quote and share your response.



Mix-Freeze-Pair

Why:

Gives students an opportunity to randomly group and discuss a topic in pairs.



Mix-Freeze-Pair

- MIX around the room.
- **FREEZE** when the music stops.
- PAIR up and answer the question on the screen.



Mix-Freeze-Pair

What is your definition of diversity? What do you feel is (would be) challenging and rewarding about teaching in a diverse school setting?



Mix-Freeze-Pair

Describe a time you encountered conflict with a person from a different background than yours. How did you handle the situation?



Microlabs

Why:

- to democratize participation while addressing a specific content topic
- to promote reflection and active listening
- affirm individual ideas and withhold judgment



Microlabs

1. Form groups of 4: assign A, B, C, D

2. Five minutes/round:

- Listen to the question
- Silently reflect for 60 seconds
- A responds for 60 seconds*
- B responds for 60 seconds*
- C responds for 60 seconds*
- D responds for 60 seconds*

*sit with the silence, if time is leftover



Microlabs

Round 1:

Describe a time you have experienced an "ism" (racism, sexism, classism, ableism, ageism). What was it like and how did you feel?



Microlabs

Round 2:

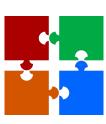
How do you encourage people to honor the uniqueness of each individual? How do you (would you) challenge stereotypes and promote sensitivity and inclusion?



Four Corners

Why:

Gives students an opportunity to share their opinion about a topic both physically and verbally.



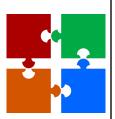
Four Corners

- Listen to each statement.
- Move to the corner that represents your belief.
- With those in your corner, share your reasons why.



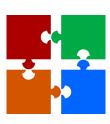
Four Corners

All students should be treated the <u>SAME</u> EXACT WAY.



Four Corners

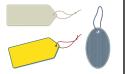
Our goal as teachers is to shape the values and beliefs of our students.



Labeling

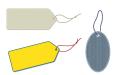
Why:

An opportunity to reflect on "labels" we assign others



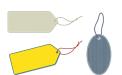
Labeling

- Place your label on your forehead
- Read the different labels around the room
- Form a group of 3 that you would best get along with



Labeling

• Group discussion: Why did the 3 of you choose each other?



• Class discussion: How does this connect to real classroom experiences?

"Crayons" -Author Unknown

We could learn a lot from crayons: Some are sharp, Some are pretty, Some are dull,

Some have weird names, and are all different colors, But they all have to live in the same box.

