

What it Takes to Work Effectively with Students

Let's assume you're organized and sitting with a group of students ready to begin a conversation. What comes next when you want to create an interactive exchange?

Clear Expectations

Make certain you explain your goals and how the group will function: coming to and leaving the group quietly, taking turns, adding input, caring for materials, and how you expect them to handle any clean up.

Communication

Share that you expect students to actively listen and participate appropriately in group questions.

Critical Thinking

Expect students to give their best (well thought out answers) rather than their first answers. Use wait time to achieve this.

Compliments

Share what you notice about their behavior and their answering that made the group time effective and informative.

