

2X10 (TWO BY TEN)



Strategy I

Two by Ten is a strategy for building authentic relationships and assessing student needs. Applied strategically, the teacher formally, though subtly, meets with the student and “conducts” a two-minute personal conversation about anything the student is interested in on a daily basis for 10 consecutive days. The teacher listens to the student and later may make note of information that will help reach the learner.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. Choose students to target for this approach. Any student can be chosen, but students who are not responding to instruction, not engaging in learning, struggling academically and are having behavior difficulties are often selected.
2. Create a simple note-taking tool to record when the behavior occurs and a few notes about the conversation.
3. Meet with the student for 2 minutes. Begin with a conversation starter and then LISTEN to the student responses.
4. Extend responses by restating what the student said, or comment about what the student said showing interest, not judgment.
5. Make note of the conversation identifying significant information to guide the next meeting.



- The focus is to build a relationship with the student.
- Focus on the student’s interests.
- Avoid emotionally charged topics.
- Maintain a positive and supportive approach when interacting with the student.
- Listen, listen, listen!
- Watch for signs of discomfort.
- Use information from Student Interest Surveys to generate conversation starters.
- Use observation and “I noticed that...” statements to generate responses.

EXAMPLE

Date	Conversation Topics	Reflection