

RENAISSANCE CLIMATE AND CULTURE IDEA #112: TRUE FACTS: TEACHER EDITION



School type:
Middle School, High School

Activity goal:
Encourage new students to have conversations with staffulty members

Prep time:
N/A

People required:
Students and staffulty

Space requirements:
N/A

Timing:
When new students arrive

Materials:
Copies of the "True Facts: Teacher Edition" sheet

Cost:
Photocopies

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OVERVIEW

Encourage new students to get to know the adults in your school by having conversations about an interesting aspect of their lives.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Make copies of the "True Facts: Teacher Edition" sheet.
2. Talk with staffulty about the purpose of the activity. The goal is to give students a reason to go up to them and ask them a question, start a conversation and perhaps find something in common.
3. Create a "New Student Welcome Kit" with this sheet and other items such as: candy, a school spirit item or coupon to the school store, "You're Welcome Here" pencil, "Cut Me Some Slack" passes, or a school planner.
4. Offer the kit to any new student coming into the school on their own or as part of a small group, such as transfer students or exchange students.
5. Have students turn passes back in to the office when completed (within a week) for a prize or drawing for a prize if there is a group doing it. Consider a pizza or donut party as a prize, to encourage student interactions.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Use this activity for new teachers at the beginning of the year.
- Ask staffulty members to write one interesting fact about themselves on a piece of paper with their name. Share one each day during announcements, with a challenge to all students to guess who it is, and fill out a slip in the office to enter a drawing from the correct guesses for a prize.