PHILISOPHICAL CHAIRS

Discussion Strategies for Various Learning Environments

Olathe Public Schools USD

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Let's discuss!

In-Person

1. Prepare quotes or statements ahead of time to be projected or read to the class.
2. Identify parts of the classroom that students will move to if they agree, disagree or are uncertain about.
3. Once the quote or statement is read students will move about the room.
4. Have one student share out from each group. Students always have the choice to move if they hear a compelling argument.
5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 until all materials have been presented.

In-Person with Safety Measures (masks and social distancing)

1. Prepare quotes or statements ahead of time to be projected or read to the class.
2. Pass out three colors of paper for students to hold up, for example. Red–Disagree Yellow–Uncertain Green–Agree
3. Once the quote or statement is read students will hold up the color that accurately reflects their alignment with the statement.
4. Have one student share out from each group. Students always have the choice to change the color of paper if they hear a compelling argument.
5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 until all materials have been presented.

Online Learning

1. Prepare quotes or statements ahead of time to be projected or read to the class.
2. Utilize the polling feature in Zoom to allow students to agree, disagree or be uncertain on their alignment.
3. Once the quote or statement is read students will respond via Zoom.
4. Ask for volunteers and have one student share out from each group.
5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 until all materials have been presented.