
Inside-Outside Circle Sharing Strategy

There are many versions and adaptations to this activity which allows students to practice communication skills in a low risk environment with multiple classmates.

- 1** Split the class in two. One group forms a circle and faces outward. The other half of the class forms an outside circle and faces inward. Students line themselves up so they are standing directly across from another person.
- 2** The educator poses a question or makes a statement for the students to discuss with the person across from them for a short period of time (e.g., 30 seconds per person). The person on the inside shares their thoughts first, and when they are finished, the person on the outside shares their response.
- 3** On a signal from the educator, the inside circle moves to the left 2-3 spots while the people in the outside circle remain still, so each student faces a new discussion partner.
- 4** Students can answer/discuss the same question/statement with their new partner, or they can present a new question or statement.