

Assign A Buddy Or Partner

Why should I do it:

- Helps teachers with time management
- Provides modeling behaviors for other students
- Increases student buy-in
- Increases student responsibility and accountability
- Helps students to focus and stay on task
- Decreases challenges to authority
- Lowers stress, intimidation, and anxiety levels for students
- Helps students get answers and clarification to directions quickly and more frequently
- Provides good opportunities for socialization and interactions
- Helps students build rapport with others

When should I do it:

- When a student is easily distracted and is frequently losing focus
- When a student needs a little extra help or guidance with tasks
- When a student has trouble with organization, getting things out, putting things away, etc.
- When a student is overly shy, timid, or non-responsive to adults and teachers
- When a student has trouble working independently
- When a student is being picked on
- When a student seems withdrawn or isolated
- When a student is new

How do I do it:

- Chose a buddy or partner that will serve as a good role model
- Talk in private with the student that will serve as the role model about what you would like them to do and why you are partnering them up
- Talk in private with the student who needs the partner or buddy, explaining that they will be partnered up with another student and why
- Speak with the two students together and explain the purpose of putting them together and what your expectations are
- You may use more than one buddy or partner