

Administrative PD Strategies

★ 3-2-1

Have participants write down 3 things they did over the summer, 2 improvements they want to make this school year, and 1 new strategy they want to try in their classroom. Share out as partners, small groups, or whole group.

★ SCOOT

Direction cards are located around the room. At each card, individuals are instructed to write, act out, do, or shout out - as indicated. After about thirty seconds or one minute at each card, instruct participants to SCOOT over to the next card.

Free Download:

<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Free-SCOOT-Training-Mission-Task-Cards-Back-to-School-Classroom-Management-725427>

★ Step to the Line

Have your staff stand in two lines facing each other. Use tape, string, or your imagination to draw a line down the middle between the two lines. The game host will then provide a series of statements, and for each one, participants will step to the center line when they agree. Others remain in place.

This game is a simple, fun opportunity to see how staff members are feeling about a certain issue, explore shared beliefs, or get to know each other better. Questions can be themed and can cover anything from teaching practices, values and beliefs, to personal, fun stuff.

Possible Statements:

- I spent at least one full day of summer just sleeping!
- I traveled to a different country this summer.
- I attended teacher PD over the summer.
- I am excited to be starting a new school year!

★ Lows and Highs

For educators, every week brings challenges and moments of joy. Give your teachers some space and time to communally reflect and share their experiences through this activity. The host should provide a context for sharing by saying something such as: "Let's share some highs and lows from your summer break." Participants take turns sharing.

As a community, participants are able to find common ground, empathize, and connect with their colleagues.

Suggestion: Encourage people to start with a low and end on a high.

★ **Snowball**

Give participants a few minutes to write about something fun and exciting they did over the summer. Then have them crumble up their paper and simulate a “snowball fight.” Have participants pick up a different paper and respond to the story shared at the top. You can repeat this activity a few times, if desired. Then return papers to the original owner to read the comments.

★ **Meme Gallery**

Have a little fun and ask your staff to spend a few minutes creating or finding a meme that sums up their summer. They can easily use web sites like [Make a Meme](#), [ImgFlip](#), or [Memeful](#) to create a funny visual interpretation or look for others! Have teachers upload their meme to a shared folder or a shared [Padlet](#) board to enjoy the humor together. Display printed memes in the teacher’s lounge to keep the humor going!

[30 Back to School Memes for Teachers](#)

