

Ideas to support social skills

Integrate social skills into teaching and learning.

- Create an environment where students can see one another clearly, identify social cues, and learn and practise turn-taking.
- Explain that words, tone, and body language convey messages.
- Teach students to recognise and interpret non-verbal language and the social rules of different settings. Have them observe and identify examples of staying on topic, moving off topic, and keeping a conversation going.
- Set up exercises such as peer mediation to give students a framework for sorting out disagreements.

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