

# Develop buddy systems

Use buddy systems to promote social skills.

- Buddies are given training on how to help students develop specific skills, such as recreation, social, and communication skills.
- Buddy systems result in personal growth for non-disabled peers.
- Set up mentoring or buddy systems that fit with Te Ao Māori principles, such as [tuakana-teina](#), before transitions or to foster important learning relationships in all curriculum areas.
- To promote high quality interactions, students should also have opportunities to interact in activities that are not always instructional.

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