

The Hallway Buddy

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This plush toy brings joy and learning to chaotic hallway transitions, boosting school culture in a fun, kinesthetic way. Students draw an activity card from the Hallway Buddy and perform the activity on the way to their next class.

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Try This Idea

1. Buy a plush toy, or make your own, and sew a pouch onto it.
2. Fill the pouch with 1-3 age-appropriate activity cards, such as “Do your best dance move” or “Walk in a serpentine.”
3. Position the Buddy between two classrooms and encourage your students to try to find it when they exit one of the classrooms.
4. One student draws an activity card from the pouch and leads their classmates in the activity as they move to their next class.
5. Encourage students to move the Hallway Buddy when they’re done. It’s fun to find a new hiding spot!
6. Learn more at www.thehallwaybuddy.com.

Intended Outcome

Smooth hallway transitions while boosting school and classroom culture.

Measurement Methods

Filming your students’ transitions will help ensure you don’t miss any subtle shifts in their behavior. Be sure to ask for opinions, too... of your students and your colleagues!

“I like the Hallway Buddy because everyone is so excited to see it. I also like it because it makes us do silly things.

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