

Redirecting Authority

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By building an Expert Board, students can share their knowledge and skills with peers so that their classmates can ask them for help before going to a teacher. Students learn that everyone can be a teacher, and practice collaborative problem-solving.

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Try This Idea

1. Divide a display board into sections with the names of content areas or skills used in class, such as “math” or “reading.”
2. Have students add their names next to the areas in which they are strong.
3. When students have questions, have them ask 3 students on the Expert Board before asking a teacher.
4. For new concepts, teach a small group of students first, then have them add their names to that section of the Expert Board and teach their classmates.

Intended Outcome

Build a classroom culture of assistance and teamwork, where all students know that several minds are better than one.

Measurement Methods

Use a poster to tally students’ questions directed at the teacher versus their peers. Student interviews could also provide useful detail.

“When people use the Expert Board, they can get help from lots of different people who may know a lot...like me.

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