

Cool Tools

North Tonawanda Middle School

Raising your hand to speak

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| School-wide Expectation: | Respect |
| Name of skill: | Raising your hand to speak |
| Setting: | Classroom |

Purpose of the lesson/why it's important:

- 1) To show respect for one another.
- 2) To give the entire class an opportunity to hear and to learn.
- 3) To give everyone an opportunity to share ideas.

Teaching examples:

- 1) While your teacher is instructing the class, you think of a question you want to ask. **STOP AND THINK.** You wait until the teacher has finished his/her presentation, then raise your hand to ask a question.
- 2) A student is giving a presentation in front of the class. A small group of students is whispering behind you making it hard to hear. **STOP AND THINK.** You turn and put your fingers to your lips to indicate that the group should be quiet.
- 3) During a lesson by your teacher, a student from the other side of the room makes a comment you do not agree with. **STOP AND THINK.** Instead of blurting out your response, you raise your hand and wait to be called on.

Kid activities/Role plays:

- 1) Ask classrooms of students to demonstrate how to raise their hands before being recognized when someone is addressing the class.
- 2) Ask students to demonstrate good listening skills while the class is being addressed.
- 3) Ask students to demonstrate proper behavior during class discussions by raising their hands to be recognized.

Follow up/Reinforcement activities:

- 1) Compliment students directly and specifically when they raise their hands to be recognized before speaking.
- 2) Remind, reinforce desired behaviors periodically.
- 3) Issue a school wide reward to those who behave appropriately.