



Student Interest Inventory

In addition to fostering a sense of welcoming and connection, there are specific strategies you can use to promote positive interactions with students and strong student-teacher relationships, such as understanding and incorporating student interests. An interest inventory is a quick way to learn a wide range of things about everyone in your class, by having students respond in writing, verbally, or with the help of a caregiver. Once you know more about your students' interests, simply recalling a favorite hobby or activity as part of a class discussion or in conversation with an individual can remind them that you're listening and can be an opportunity to find commonalities. Listed below are prompts that can help you learn more about your students.



- What school subject makes you feel successful? What do you like about it?
- What school subject is most difficult for you? Why is it challenging?
- Give an example of a school activity where you felt you really learned a lot. Why do you think you learned so much?
- Do you prefer to work alone, in small groups, or in large groups? Why?
- What do you want to do after high school?
- What do you like to do for fun?
- What is your favorite book, movie, or song? Why?
- Do you belong to any organizations, teams, or clubs? Which ones?
- Do you have any additional responsibilities outside of school?
- If you could learn more about any subject, what would it be? Why does this topic interest you?
- Do you have a special talent or an interest that you know a lot about? If so, what is it?
- What is something you are proud of doing or achieving?
- What can a teacher do to help you feel successful in school?

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