

Support student friendships

Encourage students' attempts to make friends by offering useful and timely guidance.

- ✓ Be a positive role model and respect individual differences. Model respect, caring, patience, and positive interactions.
- ✓ Promote connections around common interests.
- ✓ Provide opportunities for ongoing student connections.
- ✓ Help students to join ongoing group activities by finding appropriate roles for them.
- ✓ Help keep student interactions going – explain the actions of students whose social skills are just developing.
- ✓ Share information about emergent friendships with whānau so they can arrange for students to get together outside of class.

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