

Common Law-Related Education Strategies

Each One Teach One

This strategy is well suited to learning lots of information about a topic in an interactive way. Students become responsible for teaching and learning the information. Each student is given a statement of fact that he or she is to “teach” to the other students. During the time they are teaching their facts, they are also responsible for learning the facts that other students are teaching.

Procedure

1. Prepare the fact slips. Cut paper into strips with one fact on each strip.
2. Distribute one fact slip to each student. If you have fewer facts than you need, make two sets of the slips. Hand out one complete set and then use as many from the second set as needed. This assures that each fact is being taught by at least one student.
3. Ask the students to spend a few minutes learning their facts. Check to make certain that the students understand the facts they will be teaching.
4. Ask students to begin teaching their facts to other students. Tell them that they will need to move around the room as they try to teach their fact to as many classmates as possible. Remind them that they are also responsible for learning all the facts taught by their classmates.
5. When students have had the opportunity to communicate with most students, ask the students to stop.
6. In large group, discuss the facts learned. Ask students to share facts they learned, but tell them that they may not share the fact they were teaching. The goal is to see how much information they learned from their classmates.

This discussion will provide an opportunity for the teacher to organize the facts in related groups, to add needed additional information, and to highlight items of greater importance. The discussion eliminates the need for the teacher to present all of the information as well as the need for the students to read all of the information.

7. Complete the discussion by asking if all of the facts were discussed. If not, ask students what facts were missed. At this time, students may provide the facts they were teaching.