50 Great Advisory Ideas...

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Scheduling:

1. Team Based Advisory.

2. Coupling homeroom time and advisory time to gain extra minutes in your day for Advisory.

3. Advisory Length 25-30 minutes.

4. Advisor to Advisee ratio = 12 to 15.

5. Adding Encore Team members to help reduce size of Advisory Groups.

6. Previous grade level teams to develop Advisory Groups.
Championing Advisory by Building School/Community Support

7. Begin parent introduction to Advisory with middle school orientation activities.

8. Demo Advisory Activities with parent groups like the PTA.

9. Share Advisory theme topics in principal newsletters.

10. Utilize Advisory time to address follow up topics related to school/community events.

11. Principal demo Advisory activities at faculty meetings.

12. Inclusion of Advisory training in new teacher orientation activities.

13. Principal to send Advisory ideas to faculty via email and notes in mailboxes.


15. Maintaining a Professional Shelf which address Middle Level and Young Adolescent themes.
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Tried and True Activities for Advisory Groups

Icebreakers for People and Topics

16. Birthday Line Up....students line up in order of their birthday without talking
17. Meet My Friend Who...students interview one another and introduce each other to the advisory
18. Famous Partners...place the names of famous couples on index cards, mix them up, have students match up
19. Backwards name tag...place index card with another students name on backs, move around and ask for clues
20. Buddy in the Middle...students sit in a circle, person standing in middle tells one thing about themselves
21. Boundary Breakers...interview questions to help generate conversations about values
22. Animal Sounds...students simultaneously make animal noises and match up with like partners based on sound
23. Picture Books to break ice on character education topics...use books like the Giving Tree
24. Don’t Judge a Bag by Its Cover...stuff gift bags with unknown items, students select one, discuss why
25. Machines...place name of machines on index cards, distribute to groups, have them act them out
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Tried and True Activities for Advisory Groups

Communication Skills/Problem Solving/Team Building

26. Stepping Stones... move group across make believe river to other side of room

27. Life Raft... students stand on top of shower curtain and flip it over without anyone stepping off

28. Create a Shelter... use newspaper and masking tape to create shelter the group fits under w/out talking

29. Tubes and Marbles Race... use half pipes in a race to place a marble in a bowl on the floor across the room

30. Tire Tubes.... students connected in a circle and move tire tube around the circle

31. Tinker Toys... create exact same structure while seated back to back

32. 4 Corners..Agree A Little, Disagree, Agree, Disagree A Little... use any topic to discuss points of view

33. Human Knot... students stand in a circle grabbing hands so they interlock, work together to get unlocked

34. Life Skill Lessons... how to tie a tie, how to set the table, how to do anything.... celebrate success!!

35. Q:C:Q: - Quote, Comment, Question... analyze a famous quote, old or new
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Tried and True Activities for Advisory Groups

Study/Organization Skills

36. Plus 5 Club...celebrate students who have raised their average in a subject by 5 points in one marking period

37. Agenda books...use for goal setting, study skills and long range planning

38. Goal Setting that integrates Parents as stakeholders....ask parents to sign off on their child's goals

39. Posting teacher tests and project due dates for all subjects on the Advisory chalkboard

40. Review Study Games for all subjects...send team members Q&A for your class
Community Service Ideas

41. Valentines for Veterans...make in Advisory and then invite the Vets in for a school assembly

42. Holiday Gift Baskets/Adopt a Family...distribute within community

43. Bring a Dollar to Go to the..... During the Day...(faculty basketball game, volleyball game)

44. WWF...Adopt a Panda (or other endangered species)

45. www.dosomething.org projects
School Wide Advisory Themes

45. Nutrition....start of the school year or standardized testing month

46. National Red Ribbon Week...Drug and Alcohol Awareness

47. Random Acts of Kindness Month....letters, breakfasts etc...

48. Bullying Prevention Programs

49. School Spirit Week Competitions

50. Energy Conservation/Earth Day Events

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