

VOTE WITH YOUR FEET

PURPOSE:

An active, kinesthetic strategy to energize and engage your students as they make choices and express their opinions. It is important that students have reasons for their choices and listen to others with different points of view. Vote with Your Feet provides an opportunity for students to summarize key points to remember.

NOTE: This strategy benefits special education students and English language learners because they hear the thoughts of others, and this can build their oral language. It also can add to their knowledge about a topic.

PROCEDURE:

1. Determine a topic and create statements where students can choose sides.
2. Teacher writes choices and posts in corners of the room.
3. Students select one of the choices and write the choice and reason for the choice on a piece of paper at their desk before they move.
4. Teacher identifies the corners as: strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree.

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5. Students choose a corner by moving to that corner.
6. A student does a pair/share with another student at opposite side and they discuss their reasons for their selection.
7. Representative students paraphrase and share their opinions.
8. Students then return to their seats to review and possibly revise their reasons for their choices.

Strongly Agree	Agree
Disagree	Strongly Disagree