

Example Goals for the Talking Together Program

Example Overall Target Goals:

Students will work together to facilitate learning, will control their own behavior, take turns speaking, give others a chance to speak and be heard, and they will express respect and kindness towards others.

Partnership interactions will be positive (e.g., students compliment and help one another).

Students will be actively engaged in whole class and partner activities.

Students will identify behaviors they want (and don't want) in their learning community and will demonstrate those "always present" characteristics each day.

Example Goals focused on Teachers:

On the checklist, I will earn a score of 80% or above for teacher behaviors.

During instruction, I will prompt low-risk responding (e.g., Notice your neighbor, group response) at least 80% of the time.

I will provide feedback to at least 80% of the students.

Example Goals focused on Students:

At least 90% of the student will participate in low-risk responding prompts.

At least 80% of students will lower hands while others are talking.

At least 80% of students will raise their hands to speak, will speak briefly, and will stay on topic when called upon.

At least 90% of student comments related to what other students say or do will be supportive and positive.