Table Talk: Empowering ALIVE Conversations

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Table Talk Prepares Students for the 21st Century

Through the collaboration of two teachers, a new instructional strategy to promote communication amongst students developed. Table Talk will transform your classroom environment!

With Table Talk, students will learn how to bring conversations ALIVE while growing in the foundational communication skills. The acronym ALIVE will represent conversation expectations to grow students in the 21st Century skills of communication and collaboration.

**What does ALIVE mean?**

ALIVE represents behavioral expectations of Table Talk.

- **Ask & Answer** Students will learn to encourage, be inquisitive, and inclusive in conversations.
- **Listen** Students will learn to look at the person who is talking to you while acknowledging you are listening by a slight nod of the head.
- **Interview** Students will learn to sit ‘interview-style’ or appropriately during conversations. Their feet will be on the floor while body language will be appropriate for an interview.
- **Voice** Students will learn to use an appropriate volume of voice. It will be loud enough for all to hear in the conversation.
- **Eyes** Students will learn to make eye contact while responding or listening.

**Do your students need Table Talk?**

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- Is your classroom ready to solve real world problems?
- Is your classroom population diverse?
- Do you have at-risk students?
- Would your students benefit from cooperative learning?
- Are your students lacking the foundational communication skills?