

RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

- Everyone participates
- Step up, step down – notice if you are taking up too much or not enough talking space
- Disagreement is expected, but it should be done respectfully
- All students have a shared responsibility for the success of the conversation

LISTEN

Listening is key to effective communication. Listening means paying attention to another person – what is said, how it is said, and verbal and non-verbal messages. Listening means not interrupting and working hard to understand how the other person thinks and feels.

SHARE

Sharing requires active participation. It requires engagement. At its best, sharing means being open and honest. For sharing to feel safe, people need to be respectful of one another.

DECIDE

Before you make decisions about weighty issues, make sure you have all the facts – the whole story. Without them, you likely will not make a good decision. Getting the information you need to make a good decision may require some patience and asking lots of questions.