

Progression of Levels of Friendship

Friends

- You often share something in common.
- They're people you can trust.
- They're people you feel comfortable being with.
- They're people you have experience with recent times.
- Requires mutual agreement, both people have to agree to be friends with each other.

Identify where you are with various people you know. Review the different ways in which you can advance from one level to another.

Level 1 Friendly Greeting: Someone you're friendly to but really don't know, don't talk to, and don't hang out with at all.

- a. Say "hi" to as many people as you're comfortable with greeting. However, if you notice you don't say "hi" barely at all, identify one or two students to look for when you walk around and greet them when you see them (intentionally or notfully).
- b. To greet people you don't have to actually say "hi" you can just look in the direction of the people you want to greet and give them a little smile as you walk by them. That is interpreted as you "saying hi," even if you're not talking!

Level 2 Acquaintance: You have had some small discussions with these people usually because you worked with them in a classroom group or they're friends of a friend or you happened to hang out with them for a short while. You may look them up on Facebook even if you aren't their "friend" yet and ask if they want to be your friend.

- a. If there's someone who is always pretty friendly to you (says "hi" or acknowledges you in a positive way), when you see the person sitting in class or near him or try to work together in a group during a classroom group activity.
- b. Someone just starts talking to you because you are physically near her (in line, sitting next to each other, etc.) and you respond to her comments or questions, showing an interest in her.

Level 3 Possible Friendship: This is when you start to work out people to talk to them, but you meet up with them in the same general location that you meet them. When you happen to see the person, ask to meet for lunch, break, or after school.

- a. Connect with the person using Facebook.
- b. Ask the person out to work with on a classroom project.
- c. Call or text the person about homework problems.
- d. Go up to the person when he or she is standing with another person, even if you don't know the other person.

Level 4 Evolving Friendship: This is when you are demonstrating to people that you would like to spend more time with them by trying to consistently hang out with them in school, work with them on projects, and meet