

## **2 x 10 Method for Collecting Students**

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To collect the reluctant student, the adult commits to very briefly speaking to a student over a period of time – 2 minutes for 10 days.

The purpose is to keep the “2 minutes” (or less) short enough that there is no possibility that the interchange will become a negative one or one in which the adult has to correct the child.

The idea is that the adult greets the student every day for at least 10 days.

Dr. Edwards’ experience was that even the most reluctant student started looking forward to connecting with the adult.

The ultimate goal is for the student to start to develop a trusting relationship with at least one adult in the school.

Reluctant students need time and persistence to develop relationships with adults. This method keeps the pace slow enough to allow the trust to develop.