

RENAISSANCE CLIMATE AND CULTURE IDEA #111: CUT ME SOME SLACK PASS



School type:
Middle School, High School

Activity goal:
Give new students a break with a special pass

Prep time:
N/A

People required:
N/A

Space requirements:
N/A

Timing:
When new students arrive

Materials:
“Cut Me Some Slack” Passes

Cost:
\$2.00 per pack of 100 or
print on your own

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OVERVIEW

New students need a little extra time to find their way around the school and understand expectations. These cards are an easy way to show them you understand their challenges and want them to succeed.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Obtain a pack of “Cut Me Some Slack” Passes at JostensRenaissance.com/store, or use the blackline masters to make copies on cardstock in your school color.
2. Talk with staff about how the passes are used. Students will “redeem” the benefits on the card by having an adult initial or cross off items on the list. The “teacher’s choice” item is up to their discretion, but encourage them to accept reasonable requests if a student engages them in a conversation.
3. Create a “New Student Welcome Kit” with this pass and other items such as: candy, a school spirit item or coupon to the school store, “You’re Welcome Here” pencil, “True Facts: Teacher Edition” sheet, or a school planner.
4. Offer this kit to any new student coming into the school on their own or as part of a small group, such as transfer students or exchange students. Be sure to explain how the passes work.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Consider having students turn passes back in, when completed, for a prize or drawing for a prize. A pizza party or other food reward where students can invite other students to participate would be a good incentive to them (and other students).