



Friday Focus

Greenup County Schools

Cooperative Learning—Easy as PIES!

Kagan Cooperative Learning makes cooperative learning **fun, easy, and successful!** PIES is an acronym for the four basic principles of Kagan Cooperative Learning.

P Is for **Positive Interdependence**. Each member of the team feels like they are on the same side and the task requires team members to work together to make sure that all members understand.

I Is for **Individual Accountability**. Each member of the team is accountable and has to be ready to respond to a partner, their team, or the class. No one can opt out—everyone has to participate.

E Is for **Equal Participation**. Each team member has equal number of turns to participate, as well as equal amount of time to respond. This prevents one student from stealing the lime light from others on their team.

S Is for **Simultaneous Interaction**. Our classroom goal should be to have the greatest level of participation possible at all times during cooperative learning.

Teachers are going to have various opportunities to attend Kagan trainings and learn more about PIES. Cooperative learning comes alive in classrooms through the implementa-

tion of Kagan structures. Kagan structures are easy to learn and require little or not preparation to use in the classroom.

Quiz-Quiz-Trade is a Kagan structure that gets students up and learning through quizzing a partner, getting quizzed by that same partner, then trading cards, finding a new partner and repeating the process. Quiz-Quiz-Trade is good to use for review of content, studying spelling words, working math problems, etc.

See the resources to the right for more links and information.



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Upcoming Academy Dates:

8/22 Angela HS Curriculum

8/23 Angela HS Curriculum

8/24 Angela HS

8/25 Angela 6th Grade AM

8/26 Angela 7/8 grade AM

4/5 grade PM

Extended Thought

[What is Kagan?](#)

[Stroll-Pair-Share](#)

[Avoid Common Pitfalls](#)

[Kagan Structures Elevate High School](#)



SHOUT OUTS!

I want to give a big “SHOUT OUT” to the teachers in Greenup County! I am impressed with how you have taken the Cooperative Learning professional development from this summer and the first day of school and immediately implemented it into your classroom. School administrators and central office staff have seen the cooperative learning structures being used daily in classes. Good job!

I appreciate everything that you do for the students of Greenup County. You are molding the future, one student at a time.

Have a wonderful year! - Mrs. Horsley

Closing the GAP

Find out what they know about a specific skill. Pre-assess beyond what the MAP/STAR data says. Use a quick pre-assessment to know how much instruction needs to be planned for a topic. Make connections from what they know and build on it. Each group of kids is different.