



Survival tips for the new kid in town

Being the new kid—it's a common situation at the start of the school year. Whether it's due to a family move or just a school promotion, the adjustment can be rough. Here are some strategies you can pass on to your students to ease the transition:

- **Do some reconnaissance.** Go online to learn about the school and community. Consider meeting peers at a park or the YMCA.
- **Give it a chance.** You'll be an outsider at first--and that's OK. Give yourself a few days to be an observer and figure out where you might fit in.
- **Be positive.** Don't badmouth the new locale. Every place has its pros and cons; look for the good in your new situation.
- **Don't prejudge.** Others may be going through their own transitions.
- **Introduce yourself.** Make the first move. Greet fellow students and teachers with a smile. Be friendly.
- **Find a niche.** Join a club or go out for a team. Eventually, you'll find your "people."

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