

# Conversation Partner Program

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The Conversation Partner Program is a tool to help students learn better English skills, experience American culture, and develop friendships with Americans. Through the Conversation Partner program, an American will meet with a student each week to have English conversations. You can have fun by choosing different topics to talk about each week! Also Conversation Partners will be available to help you with your homework or even to take you shopping if you need to. We hope that you enjoy having a Conversation Partner.

### Expectations

As a conversation partner it is expected that you would do the following five things.

#### **1. Have fun!**

- This should be an enjoyable experience for you and your American Conversation Partner. Share with your Conversation Partner all of the wonderful things that you enjoy doing and take the time to teach them what you like to do. Teach them about your country, traditions, history, anything!

#### **2. Take initiative.**

- Everyone is busy at times. Sometimes you may not hear from your Conversation Partner for awhile. If this is the case, PLEASE call them or email them and set up a time to meet yourself! If you don't feel comfortable doing this, contact Jason, Keith, Kim, Jessica, or Erin and we can help you find a time to meet.

#### **3. Don't be shy!**

- Each of these Americans is here to help you and to become your friend! If you want to talk about something, please do! If you need help with homework, ask them to help you! If you just want to hang out, please let them know and they'll do that! Each of these Americans are people that I know well and trust. I know that they would be glad to just listen if you have concerns or anything that you need to talk about. They also are wise, and have good insight into life.

#### **4. Be on time.**

- If you have set up a meeting time with your Conversation Partner, please try to be on time and remember to come! If you are unable to come it is important that you contact your Conversation Partner and let them know.
- If your Conversation Partner forgets to come, please call them and ask them why they were not there. If they forget often, please contact Jason or Keith so we can talk to them about it.

#### **5. Meet weekly.**

- Try to meet with your Conversation partner every week. Although there may be times when you will not be able to, have a goal to meet with them each week. It is very helpful to pick a day and time to meet every week.