

## **Kagan Strategy: Think-Pair-Share \***

### Steps for the Strategy

1. Students are paired and work at tables of four.
2. Present a problem to the students.
3. Give them time to think on their own about possible answers for a specific amount of time.
4. Students discuss their answers with either their face or shoulder partners.
5. Call on students to share with the class the answer they have developed with their partners.

### Variations

- Instead of sharing out with the class, they share with their answers with the other team at their table. This is called Think-Pair-Square.
- To increase individual accountability, have the students write their answers after think time and before they pair.
- To increase equal participation, after think time, make the students share their answers in a Round Robin format at their table.

### Management Tips

1. Model good listening skills.
2. Model how pairs discuss instead of just one member answering the question

### Social Skills

1. Active Listening
2. Appropriate noise level.

\*Based on various materials available from Kagan Publishing.