

Activity Name: Magic Carpet

PLEASE NOTE: Several spotters should be used with this activity.

Activity Description: Students must turn a piece of material (such as a table cloth) while all the group members are standing on it.

Group Size: 12-15

Time Frame: 45 minutes

Goal/Objective: This activity will facilitate team building, problem solving and interpersonal skills.

Objectives: The students will be able to:

- 1.) Determine an effective strategy to accomplish the task.
- 2.) Employ effective communication skills.
- 3.) Revise the team plan as needed.

Multiple Intelligence(s) Addressed

Interpersonal/Intrapersonal
Visual-Spatial
Verbal-Linguistic
Logical-Mathematical
Bodily-Kinesthetic

Materials: 52" x70" Table cloth (use cloth, not vinyl, which is slippery)

Directions: The teacher will instruct the students to stand with both feet on the cloth. The students must turn the cloth over completely without any student stepping off the cloth.

Debriefing Questions:

1. Do you think this task was difficult? If yes, why?
2. What strategies did your team use to accomplish the task?
3. Was one person "in charge" or was the team actively involved in successfully completing the task?
4. In "real world" situations (outside of school, like work, sports, etc.) is it ever true that one person will do more than another?
5. Is it "fair" that not everyone does the same amount of work on a given task?

6. What is your definition of “fair”?
7. What can you do if you perceive a situation to be unfair?