

**Team Building**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Advisement Activity**  
Estimated time: 30 Minutes (don't waste a minute)

**Georgia's Teachers-As-Advisors Framework**

**Goal: 8-1.2 Choose and utilize sound processes of decision-making, recognizing them as key components of educational and career planning.**

f. Communicate why decision making sometimes involves compromise.

**Goal: 8-2.1 Assess, learn, and master 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills in order to advance academic achievement, educational attainment, and lifelong-learning as it relates to preparation for work.**

c. Interpersonal and Self-Directional Skills

**Objectives:** Students will learn social and communication skills, group cohesiveness, build self-esteem

**Materials:** Art paper (chart paper or newsprint) and multiple dark markers or multiple crayons for newsprint

**Activity:**

1. *Say:* Welcome to advisement. I am glad to see you. I hope all is going well with you and your family. Today in advisement we are going to design a new flag for the school. The flag should represent the school and must be unique. No existing images or flags may be copied. Your group should also include a school motto, which represents the entire student population. Please count off by threes. *Separate students into their respective groups to create their flag and school motto. Supply them with markers and paper (newsprint, if large construction paper is not available.)*
2. *Designate one student as the leader to stand at the board or flip chart to copy down ideas and to facilitate students in their brainstorming session to agree (reach a consensus) on a design and motto. Allow about 10 minutes to brainstorm. Then tell groups they must create their flag and motto. Allow about 15 minutes to create the flag and motto.*
3. *Ask:* Who would like to volunteer to share their flag, motto and experience? *Ask:* Did the group remain organized? Who took the lead in the group? Who was the artist? Who was the writer? Did you have to compromise to reach a consensus? Emphasize that in some situations, it is impossible to reach a conclusion so compromise will help you or the group to move forward. *Hang the flags and motto so others can see their work.*
4. *Dismiss:* I hope you have a great day and I will see you next time. Remember, if you need assistance, please let me know. Stay safe and be kind to each other.