

Appendix C

To be handed out at
Session One of the Study Circle

Session One Materials

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Overview of Study Circle

Session 1 – Introduce study circles and examine teaching and learning in authentic contexts and how the research was conducted.

Session 2 – Discuss the theory of contextualized instruction and how it looks in practice. Also review other research that supports this research.

Session 3 – Examine ways to implement contextualized teaching in classes. Discuss ways to better know students’ contexts. Discuss challenges and supports for integrating authentic instruction into classes. Plan next steps to take to make instruction more contextualized.

Sample Ground Rules

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- Everyone gets a fair hearing.
- Seek first to understand, then to be understood.
- Share “air time.”
- If you are offended, say so, and say why.
- You can disagree, but don’t personalize it; stick to the issues. No name-calling or stereotyping.
- Speak for yourself, not for others.
- One person speaks at a time.
- What is said in the group stays here, unless everyone agrees to change that.