



Maspeth High School

**Student Listening  
Circle**



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# Check In Activity

On the cat  
scale,  
how are you  
feeling?



CatPeoplePress.com



# Circle Guidelines or Norms



- ★ Sit in a circle with no obstructions
- ★ Opening & Closing Ceremony
- ★ Take turns speaking (Honor the "talking piece" / popcorn)
- ★ Be curious, not critical
- ★ Share genuinely and listen compassionately
- ★ Safe space for all perspectives - Honor privacy



# Opening Activity: Getting Acquainted



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Find your match  
Introduce yourself  
Discuss the prompt on the  
back of your cards.



# *Would you rather?*

*Get up and  
ready...*

*To move to  
either side of  
the line*



*Would you rather?*

*Eat Chinese  
food*

*Eat Pizza*



*Would you rather?*

*Be a scuba  
diver*

*Be an  
astronaut*



# *Would you rather?*

*Sleep in*

*Get up early*



*Would you rather?*

*Pool*

*Beach*

# Would you rather?

Give up air  
conditioning  
and heating for  
the rest of  
your life

Give up the  
internet for  
the rest of  
your life



*Would you rather?*

*Have universal  
respect*

*Unlimited  
power*

*Would you rather?*

*Find true love*

*Find a million  
dollars*

# Would you rather?

Advocate for  
yourself



Advocate for  
others



*Is it easier to*

*Advocate for  
yourself*



*Advocate for  
others*










*(Discuss with a person on  
your side of the line)*

# Circle Discussion

Using these examples of self-advocacy respond to any of the following:

## What is Self-Advocacy?

						
Speaking up for yourself.	Staying informed and knowing how to get information	Knowing your rights and responsibilities	Finding people who will support you	Solving problems	Reaching out to others when you need help	Taking control of your own life = self determination
					@carlameyrink	

1) When in school do you use these skills?

2) What is challenging about advocating for yourself?

3) Share a story of a time you advocated for yourself at Maspeth HS.

Self advocacy helps you to take ownership of your learning.





# Closing Ceremony



*(whiparound)*



*If you can advocate for one change  
at Maspeth HS, what would it be?*

