



Making the most of Along

Many classroom tools are designed to be used with all students you teach. For educators, Along works best when connecting with a core group of students—like an advisory group or homeroom. If you plan to use Along with all students you teach, please refer to our guidance for rotations [here](#).

Using Along with core groups

To make the most of Along and to help educators manage the time they allocate to Along, we suggest sharing weekly reflections with about 30 students. An individual educator might reflect with:

- Only their homeroom students
- Their advisory or mentor group
- One section of students they teach

To ensure all students have a trusted adult to connect with through Along, we suggest assigning each student to one educator. Use structures you already have in place to support teachers to be able to share insights and information, such as:

- Grade level teams
- Subject area teams
- Teaching teams or partners
- Advisory teachers
- Homeroom teachers



Tip:

Make sharing insights a part of your team processes. [Here is a resource](#) designed to help you do just that.

Using Along with Rotating Groups

If you wish to connect with more than 30 students, we suggest dividing your students into groups and connect with each group on a rotation. Here's how:

- Create your groups.
 - If you are just getting started on Along, you can easily [roster your students to groups](#).
 - If you have already rostered students, you can [add them to groups](#) in minutes.
- Decide when, and how often, you will use Along with each group. Post a [rotation schedule](#) to help you establish a routine and so students know what to expect.
- Use the [scheduling feature](#) in Along to organize your rotations. This will help you manage viewing and responding to each group.



Tip:

Add reminders to your calendar to help you establish routines for when to send a new reflection to each rotation group and when to review and respond to each group's reflections. For more tips on how to make the most of Along with students, check out [this resource](#).

Have questions? Email us at support@along.org.