

# Four Core Advisory Rituals

An advisory ritual is a routine that takes on significance over time. Consistent implementation of the four core advisory rituals below creates community, supports social emotional learning, and cultivates student ownership of the advisory program.

1. **Meet and Greet:** Advisor greets each student by name at the door.

The Meet & Greet...

- Encourages each student to feel acknowledged and known over time
- Builds and maintains a positive personal relationship between the advisor and each student
- Provides an opportunity for advisors to get a sense of how each student is doing as they transition into the space

- 2) **Circling Up:** Students arrange the chairs in a circle, square or U-shape so that they can make eye contact with one another.

Circling up...

- Increases communication
- Creates a sense of belonging
- Puts everyone on equal ground

- 3) **Gathering:** The Gathering is a consistent way of beginning an advisory session. Gatherings can be prompts as well as short, interactive exercises, like a name game.

The Gathering...

- Focuses attention
- Garners the voices of all students
- Builds community
- Offers practice in listening and speaking

- 4) **Closing:** The closing is a consistent way of wrapping up an advisory session.

The Closing...

- Encourages students to synthesize what they have experienced in the session
- Serves as a formative assessment for the advisor
- Provides an opportunity to organize the space and transition to the next class