FINDING COMMON GROUND
A SHARED PURPOSE CONVERSATION TOOL



A **Positive Student Profile** helps the team develop a fuller picture of who the student is—their strengths, interests, experiences, needs, and what helps them succeed. This **companion tool** uses that understanding to help **families** and **educators** identify what they are working toward together. **Shared purpose** does not require everyone to have the same perspective or priorities. It means f**inding the important places** where those perspectives **come together** while always keeping the student at the **center** of the conversation.

After completing or reviewing the Positive Student Profile, discuss:

Strengths	Build a shared picture of the student by exploring their strengths, abilities, interests, successes, and what helps them thrive.
Hope	Consider what everyone hopes the student will experience, learn, develop, and accomplish—now and in the future.
Connection	Look across different perspectives to identify common priorities, shared hopes, and areas of agreement.
Purpose	Turn that common ground into a shared direction by identifying what is most important and what everyone can work toward together.

Turning Shared Purpose Into Action

Once you have identified your shared purpose, decide how you will begin moving forward together. Keep the plan focused and manageable.

- What is the most important thing we want to work toward together?
- What is one action or next step that will help move us toward our shared purpose?
- When will we check in again to review our progress and decide if any changes are needed?

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