

Protocol #8

Practicing Mapping: Dialogue and Search for Learning Options

In dialogue with another educator, you can use any of the MAPS exercises that follow (Forest & Pierpoint, 1992; O'Brien, Forest, et al., 1989) to explore options that may exist in your community.

Part 1: Experiment with MAPS

- 1) Select a partner who might serve as advisor for this exercise;
- 2) Select one of the following MAPS exercises (but not necessarily the same one) to begin the exploration;
- 3) Take 10 minutes to respond to the question, placing notes on the guide as your thoughts emerge.

Part 2: Dialogue on Options

Taking turns acting as student or advisor, begin a dialogue that converts your notes to questions that may be answered through different kinds of educational experiences. The advisor can take notes on the form that follows:

Questions that emerge through dialogue (Listen carefully to identify active issues)	Options for learning that may be explored (Search for related learning options)

(Exercise #6 of MAPS asks you to make decisions about options to explore.)

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