

DOT VOTING

This is a simple and quick technique for students to see what ideas the people in their group think are the most important and address the driving question the most effectively.

Each person within the group receives a limited amount of sticky dots and places them on whichever solution(s) they think is the best. This results in a quick visual of which ideas or solutions they feel best addresses the issue the students are trying to solve.

DIRECTIONS:

Have students put all of their possible solutions on a large sheet of paper or on separate sticky notes.

The students should each be given a limited amount of sticky dots to vote with. Typically two to three dots works best, but if there are numerous ideas to choose between, students could be given up to five. Have students use their sticky dots to “vote” for which ideas they like the best (students should be allowed to stick more than one dot on an idea, but you may want to limit it to a max of two per idea).

After they are done voting with their sticky dots or check marks, the students should discuss what they voted for and why.

