



**Video Title:** Giving Up a Little Bit of Your Time: 1 Minute Tips

Melissa: Everyone likes to connect. The first couple of weeks at school or a new workplace, make sure that you're willing to give up some of your connection or maybe some of your break time to be present where socializing happens. In schools, sometimes that socializing happens at the bus stop, before school starts, sometimes it might be in the hallway, sometimes it might be out on the sports field or at a football game, sometimes it might be in the cafeteria: wherever socializing happens, give up a little bit of your time, especially in the first few weeks, to be available, so that the Deaf people, the Deaf students, can have conversations with their peers. Thanks for giving up a little of your time to make sure that they can make connections.

**Image Description:**

Melissa states that giving up some of your time, especially in the first few weeks or the beginning of a new year, increases socialization among Deaf peers and students.