Questioning Skills – Conversation Starters

To start a conversation with a student, try some of these questions. What other questions can you add to the list?

1. What are some “hot buttons” of yours – things you can talk about forever?
2. What things can you do for hours at a time?
3. What would you get up to do at 5 a.m.?
4. What makes you feel great?
5. What are two successes you’ve had in the past six months?
6. What are some of your goals for the next six months?
7. How do you see yourself living five years from now?
8. Tell me about a turning point in your life.
9. What things do you dread doing?
10. What two or three areas of study are you considering? How are they similar? How are they different?