



## TIER ONE CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT STRATEGY SNAPSHOT #2

### Define, Teach, Acknowledge Rules and Expectations (Essential Agreements)

#### Definition:

Expectations are outcomes. Rules provide clear meaning of what the expectations look like in the classroom. Classroom rules/expectations are aligned with school-wide expectations, prominently posted, frequently taught and referred to regularly. Expectations and rule prompts are used to pre-correct and are embedded into daily lessons and activities.

#### Rationale

Research states that:

- A dependable system of rules and procedures provides structures for students and help them to be engaged with instructional tasks (Brophy, 1998).
- Teaching rules and routines to students at the beginning of the year and enforcing them consistently across time increases student academic achievement and task engagement (Evertson & Emmer, 1982; Johnson, Stoner, & Green, 1996).
- Clearly stating expectations and consistently supporting them lends credibility to a teacher's authority (Good & Brophy, 2000)

#### Components

- Classroom rules are visually aligned with school-wide expectations
- The teacher has a plan and a schedule to actively teach rules frequently throughout the year
- Rules are specific criteria for achieving expectations
- Prompts are used to pre-correct and are embedded into daily lessons and activities.
- Rules meet the following 5 guidelines:

Guidelines:	This means:	Example:	Non-example:
Observable	I can see it	Raise hand and wait to be called on	Be your best
Measurable	I can count it	Bring materials	Be ready to learn
Positively Stated	I tell students what TO do	Hands and feet to self	No fighting
Understandable	The vocabulary is appropriate for age/grade level	Hands and feet to self	Maintain personal space (K_1 rule) *children this age do not have a concept of "personal space."
Always Applicable	I am able to consistently enforce	Stay in assigned area	Remain seated until given permission to leave

### **Tips for Implementation**

- Involve students
- Have students commit to the rules and post
- Teach classroom rules by demonstrating examples and discussing non-examples
- Monitor and give frequent feedback when students follow rules
- Share rules with families and others

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