

Fostering a Positive Learning Environment

Have clear expectations	Classroom and school rules and routines/procedures are written in a positive manner
Provide incentives	Encourage positive behaviors
Communicate individually with students	Learn about students' interests and preferences; identify student abilities and strengths, and focus on them
Reinforce students	Provide reinforcement and positive feedback for students' individual and group work
Positive discipline	Use positive approaches (e.g., token-economy systems) and approaches to develop student self-discipline
Show respect	Students feel trusted and respected in the classroom
Model behaviors	Teach and model positive social skills such as sharing, taking turns, and listening; offer supportive responses to student ideas; communicate positively
Promote diversity	Provide opportunities for mixed-ability grouping