



## CREATING A POSITIVE CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT

- Build a Community of learners where all feel welcomed, safe, and a part of a team. Utilize team-building exercises and incorporate lessons that allow everyone to contribute and be successful.
- Rather than continually telling students how to do something, teach them the expected procedures up front and follow those procedures every time. Keep your procedures easy to understand and consistent. From how to enter the classroom to how to turn in assignments, having consistent procedures eliminates confusion and chaos and makes for smoother transitions and class-flow.
- Start every class with a purposeful beginning and end with a purposeful closure- and make every minute in between count! Daily routines help foster a positive learning environment.
- Allow time for student reflection. Don't be fearful of asking students to reflect on the lessons you teach or to give helpful feedback. Additionally, allow students time to reflect on their own learning, behavior, choices, and progress.
- Observe and assess your students daily. Not every assessment is a formal test. You can assess by walking around the room, listening to conversations, checking their daily work, or simply asking if they're understanding the material.