Classroom Expectations Matrix: Visual version

Class or room _____ Date _____

Each box has room for a picture or symbol and a few words, for students who read pictures.

How to fill it in

1. Choose broad, positive expectations. Write 3 to 5, such as “Be safe,” “Be kind” and “Be ready to learn.”

2. Write what it looks like. In each box, an action any adult in the room could see: “Raise your hand or show your help card,” not “Don’t call out.”

3. Teach, model and practice. In the real place, use examples and non-examples, practice with feedback, and post a picture of it where the routine happens.

Expectation	Arrival	Whole group	Small group	Transitions	Independent work	Dismissal
picture or symbol	picture or symbol	picture or symbol	picture or symbol	picture or symbol	picture or symbol	picture or symbol

Format: Center on PBIS (2022), “Creating a Classroom Teaching Matrix.”
How-to guide: special-learning.com/blog/setting-classroom-expectations-to-manage-behavior/