

*Part of a sequence of lessons on creating a physically
and emotionally safe classroom environment.*



Essential Question

How will I create a physically and emotionally safe classroom environment where all students perceive my classroom as a safe place to learn?

Emotions Trump Learning

Until a human feels safe, until a human feels a sense of belonging , energies cannot go to learning.

Connect learning to emotions and students are more likely to learn.

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Emotions

Affirmation

Will I be affirmed as a person here?

Contribution

Is there a real contribution for me to make in this place?

Power

Will what goes on here seem purposeful to me?

Purpose

Will it make me realize I have power within me?

Challenge

Will I feel a satisfaction that comes from a challenge conquered?

Sample class rules (guidelines)

In Our Class ...

- We will show respect for each other, their ideas, and their property.
- We will work hard to ensure our own growth and to assist the growth of others.
- We will persist, even when things are difficult or uncertain.
- We will accept responsibility for the quality of our work and for our behavior and actions.

Assignment

Groups

Each group will read the following information found on these websites.

Create a 15 min presentation to share summarizing your assigned topic.

Include the service and/or mission of each

What evidence of these services/programs are you observing in the schools during field experience?

SC Character Education

<http://ed.sc.gov/topics/classroomresources/charactered/>

Safe Schools and Youth Services in SCDE

<http://ed.sc.gov/agency/Innovation-and-Support/Youth-Services/old/ssys/index.html>

Safe Schools Act

http://ed.sc.gov/agency/Innovation-and-Support/Youth-Services/old/ssys/safe_schools/sdfsc/safeschoolsact.html

Scenarios and class discussion

- Have you ever been bullied?
- Have you ever been a bully?
- Have you ever observed someone being bullied?
- How will you make your classroom a safe environment? (emotionally as well as physically)
- How will you promote positive character dispositions in your classroom?