

Effective Classroom Rules Cheat Sheet

Every classroom should have no more than 5 or 6 positively stated rules posted in a very prominent location. These rules should include rules from the categories found below as appropriate. Examples are given for each category. Each rule needs to be defined by the teacher and taught until student mastery is achieved. Booster sessions are strongly recommended.

Compliance Rules

Follow teacher's directions right away.
Do what your teacher asks right away.
Follow teacher directions the first time.
Follow adult directions the first time.
Follow directions immediately.
Do what you are asked to do, the first time you are asked.

Preparation Rules

Bring paper, pencil, and books to class.
Bring books, notebooks, pens, and pencils to class.
Have your homework completed when you come to class.
Have books, pencils, and paper when you come to class.
Be prepared for class every day.
Write in your data notebooks daily.
Have your homework ready.

Talking Rules

Raise your hand for permission to speak.
Raise your hand and wait for permission to speak.
Unless you have permission to speak, talk only about your work.
Raise your hand; wait to be called on.
Talk to others only about the task at hand or during free time.
Only talk when the sign is green.
Follow the "red-green sign".

Classroom Behavior Rules

Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
Stay in your seat unless you have permission to leave it.
Work when you are supposed to.
Keep hands and feet to yourself.
Walk when moving around the classroom.
Stay in your space.
Leave your seat only with permission.
Stay on-task during all work times.
Be on-task
Be considerate of others.

On-Time Rules

Turn in completed assignments on time.
Be in your seat when the bell rings.
Be in the classroom when the bell rings.
Be in your seat by 8:15 a.m.
Be in your seat before the bell rings.
Be on time to class.
Be in line when the bell rings.
Manage class time appropriately.