

Issue: Building Classroom Community and New Students

Strategies to Consider:

Building classroom community has many merits, saving teachers more efforts, improving whole class's relationship and atmosphere, helping new students get involved, etc. and there are various ways that we can do this:

- [Increase engaged time](#): break time into different sections.
- Establish effective daily routine: review expectations before class.
- Be prepared so that students are more focused.
- Have a fun starter activity for the whole class.
- Use visual organizers.
- Try avoiding using words that are provoking or negative.

The reminders checklist below will help remind you, as a teacher, what you can do to help students get involved:

[Reminders Checklist for Getting Students Involved](#)

Also consider:

[Being proactive](#)

[Differential reinforcement of other \(DRO\)](#)

[Increase engaged time](#)

[Precision requests](#)

Reminders Checklist for Getting Students Involved

- _____ Check to make sure the student is prepared. Do they have the materials required?
- _____ Encourage the student to try to have positive interactions with their peers.
- _____ Clarify the rules of the class and the school (ex: no fight, respect others, or no dangerous tools)
- _____ Post what will be happening today.
- _____ Please be concise. It is difficult for the student to take in a lot of information at once.
- _____ Make sure the student is paying attention (e.g., making eye contact).
- _____ Offer a goal (such as remembering one or two things) and encourage the student to meet it with an incentive.
- _____ Remind the student to let everyone voice their own opinion.
- _____ Encourage the student to take part in the discussion and ask questions.
- _____ Help the student to stay focused on the topic.
- _____ Allow time for breaks during long periods.