



Cultivating a Collaborative Classroom Culture through Routines, Rituals, and Relationships

Course Syllabus

Course Description

This professional development course aims to make the increasingly difficult work of classroom management a little easier. By focusing on building relationships, creating community, and adopting a growth mindset, you will have fewer management issues in your classroom. Teachers who are successful classroom managers can focus on meaningful learning and find joy in their work. Focusing on high-impact, proven strategies can help you get there.

This course enhances classroom teaching effectiveness and supports improved student outcomes by introducing new knowledge in classroom management methodologies and establishing systems that nurture collaboration, belonging, and positive behavior.

Course Objectives

At the end of this course you should be able to:

1. Describe a collaborative classroom culture and its impacts.
2. Summarize the impacts of relationships in the classroom.
3. Develop a classroom management plan aligned with the goals for a collaborative classroom.
4. Compare different variations of class meetings and evaluate how the ritual contributes to a collaborative culture.
5. Describe psychological safety and its importance in learning, and learn how to cultivate it in the classroom.
6. Understand a growth mindset, identify implementation issues, and obtain resources for sharing actions and research with students.
7. Understand the benefits and challenges of collaborative learning, learn how to mitigate challenges, and apply new collaborative strategies.
8. Develop a first-week, or reset-week, plan that incorporates the elements of a collaborative classroom culture.

Modules

- Module 1: Why is creating a collaborative classroom culture important?, Quiz 1
- Module 2: It's all about relationships!, Quiz 2
- Module 3: Law and Order, Quiz 3
- Module 4: The Class Meeting, Quiz 4
- Module 5: Prepare Your Classroom for Collaboration with Psychological Safety, Quiz 5
- Module 6: A Class Wide Growth Mindset, Quiz 6



- Module 7: Collaborative Learning Strategies, Quiz 7
- Module 8: The First Week of School, Quiz 8

Grading:

Each quiz must be passed at an 80% or higher (three attempts allowed).

Format

This is a self-paced, asynchronous (no required live meetings) course. Throughout the PD course, you will find it helpful to take notes along the way to assist with the quizzes. Within each module, you will find reflection assessments that are not graded but will help in your journey through the course. There is an interactive forum in the course to help you connect with peers and instructors, share ideas, and collaborate on best practices throughout your learning journey.