

## Classroom Rules Sample and Suggestion

---

### Teacher Instructions

- *Create a general list of classroom rules.* After brainstorming your expectations, look for ways that you can combine ideas into a general rule. Check each rule for clarity. Delete any unnecessary words.
- *Make sure your list of rules reflects your philosophy of education.* For example, research on student learning supports the benefits of students explaining their work to peers, so you might decide that you want students to be allowed to talk to each other under specific conditions. On the other hand, you determine that you want full attention when speaking to the class. You also want students to be quiet and in their seats during class discussions. You might decide on the following general rule:  
*Listen and stay seated when someone is speaking*
- *Phrase rules in the positive.* For example:
  - YES -- This is a beverage-free classroom.
  - NO -- Do not bring beverages to class.
- *Prepare your rules before the first day of school.* Make a poster-sized list of the rules, numbering each rule for easy reference. Post the rules prominently in the front of the classroom.
- *Give a copy of the rules to each student.* Have students place the rules in their notebooks for easy reference.
- *Communicate rules to families.* Send a list of the rules to families either before or on the first day of school.

## Classroom Rules

- 1. Be in your assigned seat and ready to work when the bell rings.**
- 2. Bring required books and materials to every class, unless told otherwise by the teacher.**
- 3. Listen and stay seated when someone is speaking.**
- 4. Follow directions the first time they are given.**
- 5. Turn assignments in on time.**
- 6. Treat everyone and their property respectfully.**