

# Creating Classroom Rules

## 1. Discuss Need for Rules

Have students pair with a partner to discuss this question: Why do we need rules in the classroom?



## 2. List Rules

Number students on each team from 1 to 4. Ask Student #1 to take out a sheet of paper and write a classroom rule that they think is important. (Encourage them to keep the rules stated in a positive manner instead of starting with the word don't.) Have them pass the paper to Student #2 who adds a rule. Students keep passing paper and adding rules until time is called.

## 3. Select Best Rules

Designate a Reader on each team to read the list of rules back to the team. Have students work to select their top 3 rules and clarify the wording of those rules.

## 4. Compile Class List of Rules

Designate a Reporter on each team. Let each team contribute their best rules to a class list. Write each rule on the board or overhead as the Reporter reads it. Avoid duplication on the class list.

## 5. Vote for Top Six Class Rules

Through discussion and/or voting, reduce the list to no more than six classroom rules.

## 6. Post Rules

Create a class wall display or bulletin board of the rules. Allow each team to make a small poster (12 x 18) of one of the rules. If you have more than six teams, let one make a title card for the display.