

Incorporating ESLRs into Lesson Plans

Cooperative Learners: Positive Communication

Introduction:

Teacher explains to the students, “The manner in which we communicate affects our relationships with each person in this class. We will practice and apply positive communication techniques in this class in order to create a welcoming and respectful learning environment.” Positive communication between students and with the instructor helps promote a welcoming invitation for discussions, problem solving, and improved relationships.

Examples:

Academic Subjects: When discussing current events, students will demonstrate and practice listening skills, positive tone of voice, body language (facial expressions, posture, gestures), and the free give and take of ideas with mutual respect.

Exercise and Fitness: When comparing and contrasting different diets, students will share the free give and take of ideas with mutual respect. Students will demonstrate compromising and problem-solving techniques.

Arts and Crafts: When students are presenting/displaying their completed projects, students will provide praise, encouragement, and support.

Computer Education: When a student expresses frustration with a lesson (learning how to save documents), the other students will listen and assist with problem solving techniques.

Student In-Put:

Ask students for suggestions on how to communicate respectfully with each other. List these ideas on the white board. You might keep these ideas posted in the classroom.

Conclusion:

Throughout the year, teachers model and demonstrate positive communication techniques for their students. Teachers should provide praise, encouragement, and support when students practice and apply positive communication techniques through interactions with each other.