

## CREATING AN OPTIMAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

## **CHECKLIST**

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Belongingness	>

To help students experience the greatest success possible, focus on creating and nurturing a strong sense of togetherness.

Classroom environment is positive, warm, safe, and
inclusive.
Space set aside for displaying student work.
Open wall-space reserved for anchor charts and
other student/learning focused materials.
Gathering spaces are large enough to include all
comfortably.

Ш	Labeled materials and spaces promote success and
	independent problem-solving.
	Books in library represent the students.
	Classroom is organized, bright, and neat.
	Materials and spaces are physically accessible and
	usable by all students.
	Students have a space reserved specifically for
	themselves and their materials.



## Esteem

All students have a psychological need of esteem - knowing that they contribute good to the community and are able to make valuable contributions.



## Engagement

Academic achievement improves when students are inquisitive, motivated, passionate, and inspired.

	Students have a variety of work spaces for
	collaborating, working independently, and creative
	thinking.
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appropriate movement, interaction, and	autonomy.

Hands-on materials/manipulatives are accessible fo
students

There is a quiet space for students to validate
introverts, reflection, and introspection.