

Below is a short list of *Best Classroom Practices* related to each Condition that affects student aspirations.

BELONGING:

- ✓ Ensure you know all students' hobbies, interests, hopes, and dreams.
- ✓ Review current literature to discover if books and examples used are representative of the students you teach.
- ✓ Attend after-school events and functions.
- ✓ Create opportunities for students to work collaboratively.
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HEROES:

- ✓ Show students you respect their ideas and opinions.
- ✓ Appreciate differences between students.
- ✓ Take the time to listen to your students.
- ✓ Provide students with opportunities to mentor peers.
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SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT:

- ✓ Recognize students who try their best.
- ✓ Provide written feedback in addition to letter grades.
- ✓ Allow students to self-assess their work.
- ✓ Encourage students to revise and improve their work.
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FUN & EXCITEMENT:

- ✓ Incorporate student interests into lessons.
- ✓ Co-teach with students.
- ✓ Use technology to engage learners.
- ✓ Be passionate when you teach.
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CURIOSITY & CREATIVITY:

- ✓ Understand what is relevant learning for your students.
- ✓ Provide opportunities for students to be creative.
- ✓ Model curiosity as a teacher and learner.
- ✓ Give students choices and options in their learning.
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SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE:

- ✓ Ensure all learners are challenged in your classes.
- ✓ Set goals with your students.
- ✓ Help students explore new opportunities.
- ✓ Teach students to learn from their mistakes.
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LEADERSHIP & RESPONSIBILITY:

- ✓ Involve students in classroom decisions.
- ✓ Allow students to provide feedback in the classes.
- ✓ Teach leadership skills to all students.
- ✓ Develop leadership opportunities for all students.
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CONFIDENT TO TAKE ACTION:

- ✓ Teach students to be self-reflective.
- ✓ Hold high expectations for all students.
- ✓ Find opportunities for students to excel.
- ✓ Involve students in community service projects.
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