



Climate and Culture

Student Engagement is absolutely essential to creating a positive classroom culture. Research states that student engagement consists of work that allows creativity, sparked curiosity, presented opportunities to work with others, produced feelings of and held potential for success, and was challenging. Students also reported out to researchers that work which was repetitive, forced by others, and required no thinking was disengaging. Therefore, when we as parents and educators are working on culture of your home or classroom, be sure to make including these work characteristics a priority.

Building ownership for learning is also an important part of building engagement and a positive culture. Central to this goal is getting students to do things out of a sense of commitment rather than because they have to or are obligated to do so. Giving students choices is key to achieving this concept, but the choices must be consistent with learning goals. When students are given choices, they automatically feel more in control of their learning and can see more readily how they can succeed within the choice they've made.

