

Student Safety in the Classroom

A classroom should not only be a place to learn, but should also be a safe haven for the students to come to every day. Keeping the students safe is one of the most important aspects when building a classroom experience.

During the day, it is imperative that every classroom door is locked when a teacher is teaching. Teaching behind locked doors allows the students to feel secure and can help put their mind at ease knowing that not just anyone can come barging through the door. Standing outside the classroom during passing period can also help administer a safe school environment. Passing periods are often times of chaos so having a teacher presence in the hallway can alleviate misbehaving and destructive behavior during this time.

Safety is not only important in the physical sense, but the emotional safety of each and every student is just as important. Individually welcoming the students as they walk through the door lets each student know they are important. For some students, the interactions they have with their teachers is the only communication they will have all day; therefore, having a positive outlook and always wearing a smile might be the one thing that gets them up in the morning and through their day.

Giving positive feedback and words of encouragement can also help strengthen a student's emotional health and self-confidence. When students are working hard and asking questions, taking the time to acknowledge their efforts lets them know they are appreciated for working so hard.

Maintaining a safe learning environment lets students relax and feel secure so that they can focus on learning in a controlled and welcoming environment.