

Classroom management is a cornerstone of a successful class. My classroom management philosophy is a work in progress that I plan on adding to as I have more experience and opportunities. That being said, there are several ideas I hold true.

I believe that a classroom should be an environment of mutual respect and responsibility. Students and I share the responsibility to create an environment where we are all comfortable learning and experiencing.

I believe in a classroom free of judgment. My class serves the purpose of educating, not judging. Students should feel like they can voice their opinion without the possibility of being made fun of. I rely heavily on student input which means that students need to feel safe sharing.

I believe students are a part of the rules creation process. Students should be invested in the rules and discipline procedures. This provides student investment in their own education.

I believe in teaching by example. I, the teacher, will complete each assignment along with the students. By doing this, the class is set on an even playing field where I am not seen as a superior, but equal with the right to take control when needed.

I believe in setting up a positive classroom environment from day one. This starts by having a couple of assignments that serve to let the students get to know each other as well as get to know me. These activities set up a climate of acceptance and understanding.