

CHECKLIST FOR: Creating a Culturally Responsive Environment

Whether you're teaching in-person or virtually, you can set your classroom up to be engaging, inviting and inspiring to promote effective teaching and learning. Consider these 5 elements as you prepare to foster a culturally responsive learning environment.

1. Welcoming Environment

- Class walls are visually rich
- Greet students as they enter
- Make personal connections

2. Engaging Opening Activity

- Team - building activities
- Engage with thought provoking resources e.g. images
- Begin with Mindfulness

3. Respectful and Affirming Talk

- Encourage positive talk
- Promote celebration of diverse voices/perspectives
- Recognition

4. Meaningful Lesson

- Inspire critical-thinking & inquiry
- Team - building activities
- Intentional planning: connect to student experiences

5. Affirming Closing Activity

- 3 A's: Students identify either an AHA moment, an Apology, or and Appreciation.
- Reflect on key take-aways
- Check in with students social/emotional temperature

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