



Questions for Classroom Discussion

Classroom Rules

- **What should be the main goals of a set of classroom rules?**

- ⇒ Consider the most obvious goal, which is to create a safe and effective learning environment
- ⇒ Consider intermediate goals that must exist before student learning can be at its best, such as students must be punctual, respectful, and cooperative with the teacher and with others
- ⇒ Consider the importance of students understanding that life is full of rules that must be followed, and that not following rules has its consequences

- **What are sample classroom rules that every class should have?**

- ⇒ Consider rules for safety: “No running inside”, “Keep hands to yourself”, “No horseplay”
- ⇒ Consider rules for respect: “Raise your hand”, “Be polite”, “Keep your workspace clean”
- ⇒ Consider rules that aid in learning: “Get to class on time”, “Don’t talk while the teacher talks”, “No cheating”

- **What are factors that will make classroom rules successful?**

- ⇒ Consider how important it is for all rules to be clear, and for the consequences of breaking those rules to be clear
- ⇒ Consider how teachers need to be consistent with warnings and punishments
- ⇒ Consider how students need to understand why the rules are in place and why it is in their best interest to follow the rules (not just to avoid punishment, but also to learn)