

Creating a Culture in the Classroom

ENGLISH Program

Global Competencies



Creating a Culture of Communication

This resource supports educators in creating a culture in their classroom that intentionally fosters learners' development of **communication**. It includes examples of practices, strategies, and pedagogical approaches that allow this competency to flourish in a classroom.

- Use visual, oral, and multimodal media communication appropriate for a range of purposes.
- Provide regular opportunities for learners to engage in dialogue about their learning, including peer as well as student/teacher conferencing and feedback.
- Prioritize the use of respectful and inclusive language, considering cultural nuances in non-verbal communication.
- Develop and share thinking routines (such as questioning for understanding) that show how meaning is derived from the recipient's experience and how it can be misunderstood.
- Model and regularly acknowledge context cues, conventions, and body language as a means for communication, and teach learners to look for nuances to enhance understanding.
- Model and provide opportunities for learners to communicate their learning through a variety of modes, formats, tools, and technologies while considering audience and purpose.
- Provide opportunities for learners to share their learning digitally. Discuss the importance of creating a positive digital footprint, including in social media, and support the development of learners' understanding of their online image and persona.