



# PRIDE Skills for Educators

### Praise

As a teacher, you have a powerful influence on your students' behavioral development. Students want your approval and will repeat the behaviors that you give attention to. Praise desirable behaviors and try to put more emphasis on acknowledging good behavior than criticizing bad.



#### Reflection

Reflection is a tool for teachers to increase their student's emotional intelligence and critical thinking skills. Use reflection by listening to your students and repeating back what they say. This shows students that you understand their feelings and ideas.



## Imitation

Students are expected to replicate what their teachers demonstrate on a daily basis. When a teacher turns the tables and imitates their students, it's a huge confidence booster for kids. Imitate your students' ideas to support their self-esteem and encourage positive behaviors.



# Description

You have the power to influence students' language development and concentration by describing behaviors that you like. Use description by drawing attention to the positive behaviors that you see your students doing.



## Enjoyment

Your students may see you more often than most other adults in their lives, so your perspective has a powerful impact on their emotional intelligence. Model a positive perspective by expressing gratitude and enjoyment during class. Let them know you value the time you get to spend with them.

