



A **strong** and **clear** belief statement will help you make decisions and respond to behaviors, especially when the going gets tough. Relying on a belief statement/behavioral philosophy will guide you during good times and be **essential** during difficult moments.

1. Take one of the options below or write your own.
2. Determine where to display your belief statement.
3. Ask yourself, “Do my classroom management techniques align with my belief?”
4. Use your belief statement to guide your decisions.
5. Revise as needed.

<p><i>All children have the right to be safe (emotionally and physically), to feel valued and valuable, to be treated as capable of contributing to the community, and honored as inherently trying to do their best.</i></p>	<p><i>All children are active members of their classroom community. They deserve a voice in the way their classroom is run, strong relationships with peers and adults, the assumption that they do well if they can, and a sense of belonging and acceptance from all.</i></p>
<p><i>All children deserve a classroom family that allows them to feel safe, assumes they are doing their best, and contributes to a strong sense of belonging and purpose.</i></p>	

***Your thoughts and beliefs lead to your actions. A belief statement will serve as your roadmap.***

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