

Standard II

Element A

Teachers foster a predictable learning environment characterized by acceptable student behavior and efficient use of time in which each student has a positive, nurturing relationship with caring adults and peers.

Respect is your most powerful management tool for instilling good classroom discipline. But if the teacher does not have respect then it will not happen.

—*Changing Minds.org*

Professional practices referenced under each element of the Rubric for Evaluating Colorado Teachers are cumulative. Therefore, for teachers to meet the state standard for fostering a positive learning environment, they must maintain the safety and welfare of students and the environment and provide clear expectations and procedures. Teachers must use time efficiently and foster a caring relationship with each student.

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