**Domain #1 Classroom Environment**

**Category b: Climate**

PRACTICE: Teacher creates and maintains a learning environment in which all students are actively engaged and contributing members.

INDICATORS:

* Teacher creates and maintains a stimulating, inclusive, and safe learning community in which students take intellectual risks and work independently and collaboratively. (S)
* Teacher communicates high standards for student performance and clear expectations of what students will learn. (S)

PRACTICE: Teacher behaves in an objective and controlled manner.

INDICATORS:

* Teacher interacts with students in calm and controlled fashion. (S)
* Teacher does not demonstrate personal offense at student misbehavior. (S)

PRACTICE: Teacher creates an environment of respect and rapport.

INDICATORS:

* Teacher promotes respectful talk, active listening, and turn-taking among students and between students and teacher. (S)
* Teacher exhibits politeness and encouragement toward students.
* Teacher uses students’ interests and backgrounds to produce a climate of acceptance and community. (S)

PRACTICE: Teacher recognizes the full educational potential of each student and provides the challenges necessary for them to achieve that potential.

INDICATORS:

* Teacher recognizes cultural differences as positive attributes around which to build appropriate educational experiences. (K)
* Teacher reinforces the student’s sense of cultural identity and place in the world. (S)