

The Panther Way

For Educators

1. Implement the instructional framework with fidelity.
2. Be excited to be there and embody the passion you hope to see in your students. Smile and be happy.
3. Celebrate your students and expect that they celebrate each other.
4. If a child learns differently, don't lower expectations. Teach them differently.
5. Have a sense of urgency and expect the same from students.
6. Insert students' names throughout the class period.
7. Make eye contact with students often and for the majority of the period.
8. Move around your class to stir up dust.
9. When assigning projects, provide a rubric and give specific expectations.
10. Show students examples of excellence; the more familiar they are with the expectation, the closer they will come to success.
11. Frequently ask "how" and "why" to encourage deeper thinking and understanding.
12. Develop a sense of pride for students in their work.
13. Promptly and correctly address poor student behavior.
14. Do not use invisibility cloaks; when a student doesn't know an answer, don't call on another student.
15. Defend each other's honor and do not let students dog anyone.
16. Communicate with parents.
17. Participate actively in professional development.
18. Have pride in all that you do and in everything A-C.
19. Emphasize with your voice and movements.
20. Set a standard of kindness—do not allow unkind remarks, even if meant as a joke.
21. Incorporate student-centered interests (music, communication, etc).
22. Encourage a culture of error and revision. Tell students if they are wrong.
23. Ensure students sit with good posture/lean forward and track the speaker.
24. Expect your students to stand and face their classmates when speaking.