

Have high expectations for all learners and celebrate their successes

A suggestion for implementing the strategy 'Establish a respectful class climate' from the Guide: [Inclusive classroom culture](#)

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Review your expectations

Reflect on language,
labels and groupings.

Deficit-focused ideas about any students are very powerful and can strongly influence what teachers and other staff do at every level in any school.

Source:

[Learning better together: Working towards inclusive education in New Zealand schools \(p 12\)](#)

<https://inclusive-live-storagestack-assetstorages3bucket-3uty0hejzw6u.s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/public/inclusive-education/resources/files/learning-better-together.pdf>

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Promote high expectations

High expectations is one of eight principles in The New Zealand Curriculum.

- ✓ [High expectations in your classroom](#)
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Develop high expectations with whānau

Sue Ngarimu-Goldsmith, principal at Te Kura o Hiruharama, explains how a whakataukī was used to inspire the thinking behind the school's mission "Striving for personal excellence".



Video hosted on Vimeo <http://vimeo.com/225811853>

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[Ministry of Education | Te Tāhuhu o Te Mātauranga](#)
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Review your beliefs

John Robinson, HoD Learning Support, talks of his intrinsic belief that all students can learn.



Video hosted on Vimeo <http://vimeo.com/100662411>

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[Ministry of Education, inclusive education videos \(NZ\)](#)
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Ask students for their views

Two students with low vision discuss the importance of high expectations.



Video hosted on Youtube <http://youtu.be/NVHikJHuFwo>

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[BLENNZ \(NZ\)](#)

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Useful resources



High expectation principle

This resource draws together research, digital resources, and examples to support leaders and teachers as they consider the high expectations principle.

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