



The 7 golden rules of highly achieving classes

1. Everyone is clear about the class's objectives. Students are aware of the fact that each individual has his/her own needs, expectations and motivation to learn French. None are more important than others.
2. Students support each other: They seek and offer help to make sure the class can move at a reasonable pace.
3. During small group activities, students make sure that every member is given a fair opportunity to contribute. No-one dominates the floor and everyone ensures that everybody is clear about how to work together and how to accomplish activities.
4. Students exchange tips and ideas to facilitate language acquisition and accelerate learning.
5. Students feel free to express feelings and ideas as the group has established a safe, non-threatening environment. Everybody refrains from hurting other people's feelings and beliefs.
6. Students aim to work in a relaxed and informal atmosphere; they actively diffuse tension and friction.
7. Disagreement is viewed as a good thing and conflicts are managed. Criticism is constructive and is oriented toward problem solving and removing obstacles.