CLASSROOM STRUCTURE
Start strong with systems and routines

Technique: THRESHOLD

Meet your students at the door, setting classroom expectations before they enter the room.

Rationale: FIRST IMPRESSIONS

First impressions matter every day. Threshold ensures that you make a habit of getting it right at the start of each day.

- Champion teachers are thoughtful and strategic about how they manage their first interaction with each student.
- Champion teachers greet each student as he or she crosses the threshold of their doorway to establish expectations and set the tone for the rest of class.

STAND AT THE DOOR AND CUSTOMIZE YOUR GREETINGS.

Aim to reach at least half of your students each day.

- “Loved your homework, David.”
- “Looking for great things from you today, Mr. Williams!”
- “Keep up your strong participation, Shanice!”
- “I love the enthusiasm in your voice, Devon.”

THRESHOLD SHOULD ALWAYS ACCOMPLISH TWO THINGS:

1. Help you establish a personal connection with your students through a brief individual check-in.
2. Reinforce your expectations for what students should do before and after they enter your classroom.

Teach Like a CHAMPION

teachlikeachampion.com