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Pose questions, puzzling events, tasks, and activities that are "groupworthy" (i.e. require/benefit from many minds working together) (T133)

Use organizational routines or activity structures that allow all students to participate equitably and that directly address issues of status (e.g., complex instruction) (T144) 🗘

Model productive struggle (T37)

Explicitly call out a change in the planned classroom activity based on emerging student ideas (T69)

Make clear that all student ideas are "fair game" for examination and discussion (T58) $\odot \Delta *$

Position students (instead of themselves) as the authorities on and evaluators of developing ideas (T91) \diamond \wedge *

Provide scientific or mathematical expertise, background, or vocabulary only when no other student can do so (T81) Δ

Redirect questions of other students' thinking back to students to consider and answer (T88)

Scaffold and support students without decreasing cognitive demand (T92)

When ideas are re-phrased or summarized, ensure that they reflect the author's intent (T89)

Consistently make student thinking visible (T94) Δ

Create and protect space for students to construct and/or reconstruct their own understandings (T108) Δ

Ensure small group work is an appropriate activity structure for the focal task(s) (T137)

Provide individual feedback to students on their engagement in an organizational routine or activity structure (T65)

Reflect with students on the use of a particular organizational routine or activity structure (T76)

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Answering others' questions thoughtfully and completely (S9) Δ

Answering questions with confidence (S10)

Being willing to put ideas on the table regardless of whether they are correct or fleshed-out (S62) $\bigtriangleup \Delta *$

Critically analyzing and assessing the validity and reasonableness of others' models, arguments, and ideas (S25) Δ

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