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___ Explicitly encourage and/or incentivize flexible thinking and open-mindedness (T48)
___ Anticipate and validate different ideas and ways of expressing those ideas (T84) Δ
___ Anticipate and validate myriad ways of making sense of, solving, explaining, and justifying ideas (T85) Δ
___ Anticipate and create space for common errors and misconceptions to arise and be explored (T136) Δ
___ Avoid explaining or evaluating models, arguments, and ideas for students (T23) Δ*
___ Avoid focusing on right and wrong answers (T24)
___ Avoid providing, justifying, or confirming conclusions for students (T25) Δ
___ Avoid standing in a place of authority (e.g., the front of the room) or standing at all (T26)
___ Identify the difference between productive struggle and sheer frustration, and intervene meaningfully in the latter (T35)
___ Make the examination of errors and misconceptions a consistent part of classroom work (T33)
___ Explicitly encourage and celebrate resilience and perseverance (T47)
___ Invite and expect all students to share developing and incomplete ideas (T80) ☆*
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___ Scaffold and support students without decreasing cognitive demand (T92)
___ Actively discuss errors and misconceptions (T103)
___ Create and protect space for incorrect or incomplete ideas to be examined and discussed (T106)*
___ Hold students accountable to asking and responding to challenging questions (T112)
___ Circle back to students who made errors or held misconceptions to assess how their thinking has changed (T20)
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___ Analyzing the effectiveness of a strategy or process and adapting it when necessary (S19)
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___ Demonstrating a growth mindset and belief that learning often requires hard work (S43) ☆*
___ Expressing frustration appropriately (S47)
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___ Taking risks (S66)



<b>Evidence Checklist</b>	<b>Core Practice: Develop distinct classroom community and culture</b>
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