

Conflict in the Classroom

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Learning Goals



- Identify techniques for addressing conflict in the classroom
- Generate a plan for discussing difficult topics
- Apply conflict prevention and conflict resolution strategies in your teaching

Parents Dedicate New College Safe Space In Honor Of Daughter Who Felt Weird In Class Once



The calming, new-idea-free zone will be open around the clock to comfort students who have read or heard opinions that are at odds with their preexisting worldview.

Conflict Spectrum



Destructive

Constructive

Brainstorm: Kinds of Conflict



What kinds of conflict in the classroom have you experienced or could you imagine?

Responses to Conflict



- Important to know yourself and your students
 - Allows you to prepare to deal with conflict

In handout: fill out “Natural Conflict Tendencies”

Encouraging Constructive Conflict



In Handout: Syllabus Statements

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ground
rules

Responding to Destructive Conflict



In Handout: Case Studies

1. What is the problem?
2. How to respond?

