



Introduction To *Responsive Classroom* Parent Meeting Outline

Time: Up to 30 minutes

Learning Goals:

- Participants will be able to:
- Identify key characteristics of the *Responsive Classroom* approach
- Connect the *Responsive Classroom* approach to the school's mission and school integration process
- Understand what they might expect their children to experience related to the *Responsive Classroom* approach

Preparation:

- Make copies of [The Responsive Classroom Approach overview](#) and [What the Research Says](#) to handout or have the links available to share electronically
- Edit slide 1 to add school logo
- Edit slide 5 to insert school mission statement or remove slide
- Edit slides 6 and 7 with school implementation information or remove slide
- Display PowerPoint (PPT) slides of [Introduction to Responsive Classroom Parent Meeting](#)
- Preview the [Responsive Classroom website](#) and be ready to share

Materials to Be Used:

- [The Responsive Classroom Approach overview](#)
- [What the Research Says](#)

Presenter's Choice:

- Share [The Responsive Classroom Approach overview](#) and [What the Research Says](#) electronically or make copies
- Share these two resources ahead of the meeting or as a follow-up

Opening (<5 minutes)

1. Display PPT - Welcome. As parents enter, welcome them to the Introduction To *Responsive Classroom* Parent Meeting.

- Tell parents they will learn about the *Responsive Classroom* approach and how the approach connects to the mission of the school.
- Share that the *Responsive Classroom* approach is designed to build success for every student.

2. Display PPT - What is *Responsive Classroom*?

- Share that when students feel a sense of significance and belonging, they are more successful in school.
- Explain that the *Responsive Classroom* approach is evidence- and research-based, and there is more information on the research in the [What the Research Says](#) handout/link shared.

3. Display PPT - Schools and Teachers Focus on...

- Share that your school will focus upon creating optimal learning conditions for:
 - Students to develop the academic, social, and emotional skills needed for success in and out of school
 - Building positive school and classroom communities where students learn, behave, hope, and set and achieve goals

4. Display PPT - Four Domains

- Explain that educators will be focusing on these four domains of a successful school experience

Body (<15 minutes)

1. Display PPT - School Mission

- (Insert your school mission statement on this slide.)
- Explain briefly how the school mission aligns with the *Responsive Classroom* approach and the four domains.

2. Display PPT – Responsive Classroom in Our School

- Use this slide to share where and how *Responsive Classroom* appears in your school, for example:
 - Which grade levels?
 - X amount of teachers participated in the four-day core course this summer (for example)
 - Other professional development
 - Other schoolwide initiatives

3. What Does This Look Like?

- Add 1-3 main practices that will be used in your school (for example Morning Meeting/ Responsive Advisory Meeting, Proactive Discipline, Interactive Modeling, Teacher Language, etc.)

Closing (<5 minutes)

1. Display PPT - Outcomes

- Share with parents that research and over 35 years of empirical evidence show that when teachers consistently use the *Responsive Classroom* approach:
 - Students develop the academic, social, and emotional skills they need to be successful in and out of school
 - Students become more engaged in their learning
 - Misbehaviors decrease
 - Teachers' sense of efficacy increases

2. Display PPT - Responsive Classroom Website

- Share the *Responsive Classroom* website for further resources

3. Display PPT - Questions

- Answer any questions per your time and approach