



CEBM CHECKLIST – Tier 1 Universal Practices for the whole group



Classroom Practices	Already in place	To Consider	To Adopt	I'll Need Support
Physical and social set-up of the learning environment: <i>Being intentional with the setup of the space to benefit the students' focus, engagement, and sensory experience</i>				
Being mindful about lighting and visual decor	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Setting up a clutter-free environment	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Storing away nonessential items, limiting access to some materials	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Setting up a well-organized space (using colour codes and labels to help student find information)	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Having clear sections in the room	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Finding ways to minimize distractions and noise in the room	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Having a thought-out furniture/desk configuration	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creating space between furniture to move around	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Having a thought-out seating chart	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Making community work and academic tools easily accessible	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Embodying a strong adult posture: <i>To help students develop a sense of safety and belonging</i>				
Conveying a strong/confident, yet warm/caring, stance and leadership	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Being careful about befriending students	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Establishing clear limits/boundaries	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Managing the circumstances rather than trying to control directly student behaviour	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Giving access to materials when needed	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ensuring that the adult is calm and grounded before responding to an upset student	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Acting with kindness when intervening and keeping the students' wellbeing in mind	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Easily adjusting when things don't go as planned	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>

Actively greeting and engaging students: <i>By favouring proximity, building relationships, and creating a positive classroom climate</i>				
If applicable, putting a welcome sign on the door	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Greeting students individually and/or as a group (e.g. special greeting at the door, group rituals, etc.)	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Using students' names	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Taking interest in students' lives	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Highlighting points in common	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Circulating in the room to monitor student progress and provide proximity	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Using a variety of ways to capture students' attention (rhythmic sounds, chants, clapping, calling out, etc.)	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Making sure to have students' attention prior to giving instructions	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Having students repeat instructions back to teacher	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reconnecting consciously with students after each separation (following a transition, next day)	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Entrusting students with specific responsibilities	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Acknowledging the day's successes	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Planning some time for fun outside of the classroom context	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Organizing activities that foster a sense of safety, belonging and inclusion (e.g. class meetings, group projects)	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contact and inform parents regularly (including positive aspects)	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Well established classroom structures and routines: <i>To create consistency and predictability</i>				
Introducing and explaining the classroom structures and routines at the beginning of the school year	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Using a daily visual schedule, which is easily accessible to students (large font, centrally situated)	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>



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Having a clear and explicit morning arrival or transition routine	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Offering homework/assignment turn-in trays with labels	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sharing learning goals for the period	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Setting up structure around independent work time & asking for help	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Having a clear and explicit clean-up routine	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Having clear and explicit hallway routines	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Having a clear and explicit routine around end-of-day/period departure	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Offering a shared agenda for the day	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Notifying students, when possible, of any changes in routine (special activities, teacher absences, guests)	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clear and explicit classroom expectations: <i>To help clarify with students what a positive learning environment looks like</i>				
Having students, at the beginning of the school year, be involved in developing the classroom expectations	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regularly modeling the classroom expectations throughout the school year	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Providing clear expectations around taking turns to speak	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Providing clear expectations around transitions and moving in the classroom	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Providing clear expectations around what students can do when their work is finished	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Providing clear expectations around borrowing materials	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Providing a variety of engaging and playful ways to prompt students about classroom expectations (through stories, chants, role-playing, games)	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Offering a variety of visuals to help prompt students about classroom	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>

expectations (poster of classroom expectations, hand signals for common requests)				
Pedagogical flexibility, inclusive practices, and support measures: <i>To adjust teaching to the diverse abilities, needs and interests of students of different maturity levels, backgrounds, aptitudes and skills, to help them be more successful.</i>				
Introducing and explaining, at the beginning of the school year, the various learning options and support measures provided by the adult	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ensuring consistent use of IEP and action plan support measures and adaptations by students	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Offering a variety of technological aids	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Offering a variety of pedagogical resources and tools	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Offering a variety of instructional delivery methods	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Offering a variety of visual supports for learning	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supporting students to organize self and materials	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Offering a variety of memory aids	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Offering a variety of task management checklists	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Offering a variety of time management tools	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Offering privacy panels	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Offering noise cancelling headsets	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Offering a variety of sensory tools and supports in class (balls, weighted tools, noise cancelling headset, etc.)	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Offering a variety of seating options and workstations (e.g. ergonomic stools, standing stations, etc.)	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Opportunities for cross-curricular development and emotional literacy: <i>To help students develop the abilities necessary to navigate various life situations</i>				
Introducing and explaining cross-curricular development and emotional literacy at the beginning of the school year	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>



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Regularly modeling what healthy cross-curricular development and emotional literacy looks like throughout the school year	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Building cross-curricular development and emotional literacy implicitly into everyday classroom situations	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Using a variety of activities to explore and better understand stress	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Using a variety of activities to practice and adopt effective work methods	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Using a variety of activities to practice communication	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Using a variety of activities to practice cooperation with others (group projects)	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Using a variety of problem-solving exercises	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Using a variety of activities to explore and better understand how to manage conflict	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Having students write down what they want to say (to practice patience, to remember for later on)	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Offering emotional literacy opportunities that are beyond self-regulation (e.g. emotional awareness, co-regulation, etc.)	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reading a variety of books on emotions	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Offering a variety of games that explore emotions	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Offering a variety of ways to play out emotions (role playing, masks, puppets, etc.)	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Offering a variety of emotional creative art activities	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Offering a variety of tools to illustrate emotions (mirror, emotion cards)	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flexible classroom options: <i>To help students optimize their focus and engagement in learning tasks</i>				
Have you considered setting up a flexible classroom to accommodate your students' needs to move?	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>

Introducing and explaining the flexible options at the beginning of the school year	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regularly modeling the proper use of the flexible options throughout the school year	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Offering a variety of alternate seating options (yoga ball, wobble stool, desk cycle, stretchy band for feet, disc-o-sit)	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Offering a variety of alternate workstation options (standing table, working on the floor with a clipboard)	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Being somewhat flexible with respect to the students' workspace choices	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Individual quiet-time activities: <i>To offer options to students during transition times, when they have finished work, or when they need a break</i>				
Have you considered including Individual quiet-time activities in your classroom for students to access during transition times, when they have finished work, when they need a break or a reset?	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Introducing and explaining the expectations (when, where, how) around the use of Individual quiet-time activities at the beginning of the school year	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Offering a variety of paper-crayon activities (doodling, sketching, mandalas, coloring pages, etc.)	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Offering a variety of fine-motor activities (knitting, origami, etc.)	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Offering a variety of quiet 1-person games (cards, puzzle, Rush Hour, etc.)	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Classroom designated area: <i>To offer options to students when they need to retreat or to manage emotions</i>				
Have you considered including a designated area in your classroom for students to retreat when a break is needed or to manage emotions?	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Introducing and explaining the expectations (when, where, how) around the use of the designated area at the beginning of the school year	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>



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Regularly modeling the proper use of the designated area throughout the school year	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Offering a variety of support materials in the designated area (noise cancelling headset, breathing aids, sensory tools, calming nature scenes, books, emotion cards, etc.)	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brain-break activities: <i>To help students level-up or level-down energy</i>				
Have you considered setting up brain breaks in your classroom to accommodate your students' needs to move?	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Introducing and explaining the expectations (when, where, how) around brain breaks at the beginning of the school year	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regularly modeling, throughout the school year, what needs to happen during brain-break activities	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Offering a variety of high-level energy brain breaks (desk drumming, fitness drills, Boks Fitness program)	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Offering a variety of low-level energy brain breaks (yoga, stretching & breathing exercises, telling jokes, riddle challenge, charades, mazes, etc.)	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emotional release activities: <i>To help students release, express, identify, and name emotions</i>				
Have you considered setting up emotional release activities in your classroom to accommodate your students' needs release and express emotions?	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Introducing and explaining the expectations (when, where, how) around emotional release activities at the beginning of the school year	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>

Regularly modeling, throughout the school year, what needs to happen during emotional release activities	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Offering a variety of high-level energy emotional release activities (e.g. Draw the Music)	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Offering a variety of low-level energy emotional release activities (e.g. Emotion Silhouette)	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community projects and activities: <i>To help increase students' sense of community and belonging</i>				
Have you considered organizing community projects in your classroom?	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Introducing and explaining the expectations (when, where, how) around community projects at the beginning of the school year	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regularly modeling, throughout the school year, what needs to happen during community project activities	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Offering a variety of community projects (Community puzzle, quilt, weaving project, mural, etc.)	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Promoting organizing a variety of community engagements (interest/social clubs, sports teams, extra-curricular activities, volunteering, leadership opportunities, family and community involvement, etc.)	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outdoor opportunities: <i>To allow students to release and reset in order to increase focus and productivity</i>				
Have you considered organizing outdoor opportunities?	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Introducing and explaining the expectations (when, where, how) around outdoor opportunities at the beginning of the school year	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>



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Regularly modeling, throughout the school year, what needs to happen during outdoor opportunities	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Providing additional outdoor opportunities when the energy level in the classroom is not productive	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Offering a variety of outdoor learning opportunities	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Offering a variety of outdoor structured games	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Offering a variety of props and materials for outdoor unstructured activities	✓	?	+	<input type="checkbox"/>