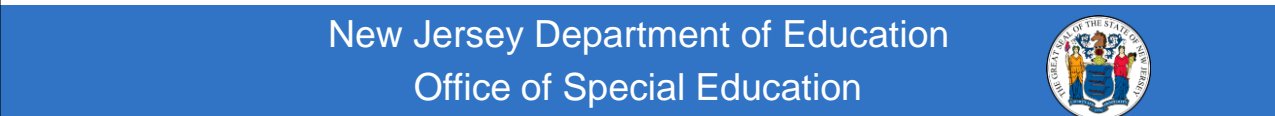


# Five Everyday: Positive Greetings at the Door



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## The Importance of Personal Connections

- Children and youth are more likely to experience positive outcomes when they feel connected to school (CDC, 2009)
- Relationships with teachers as early as Kindergarten can predict later outcomes for students (e.g., Hamre, 2001)
- Research suggests that social support (parent, teacher, and peer), is a protective factor that is related to academic performance outcomes (e.g., Malecki & Demeray, 2006; Rueger et al., 2010)



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## Personalized Learning Environments Contribute to Connectedness

- Klem & Connell (2004) found that the types of class management practices used and teachers' relationships with students were important factors in students' sense of connectedness to school
- Based on their findings, Klem & Connell (2004) suggest that 'personalized learning environments' contributes to levels of student engagement



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## Positive Greetings at the Door

- Positive greetings at the door is the teacher's daily routine to greet and welcome students each day as they enter class

DECEMBER				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
28	29	30	1	2



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## Positive Greetings at the Door

- Cook et al. (2018) found that positive greetings at the door (PGD) increased engagement and decreased class disruptions



View the Edutopia video to learn more  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GVAKBnXIGxA&feature=emb\\_imp\\_woyt](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GVAKBnXIGxA&feature=emb_imp_woyt)



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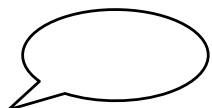
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## Positive Greetings at the Door

Personalized greeting that includes:



- Eye contact



- Student's name



- Greeting gesture (e.g., high five, wave hello, fist, elbow or foot bump)



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## Example



Video the Tricks of the Trade  
Edutopia example:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yPvNqJ0Ne60>



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