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# Feelings Unplugged · Classroom Toolkit

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Practical scaffolds for teachers, counselors, and worldschool facilitators building emotionally intelligent learning ecosystems. Distributed open-source so adolescents everywhere can access core regulation skills.



Feelings Unplugged

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# Purpose & Licensing

## WHY NOW

Students arrive carrying grief, hypervigilance, and brilliance. Emotional regulation isn't a detour from curriculum—it's the on-ramp. These rituals adapt to five-minute homeroom check-ins or full SEL blocks.

## OPEN ACCESS

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Reference: CASEL (2023) competencies; SAMHSA Trauma-Informed Schools (2014).

# Quick-Start • 5-Minute Check-In

DAILY RITUAL

- 1. Arrival regulation:** Dim lights, play calm audio, or invite three deep breaths.
- 2. Mood meter:** Students mark energy (high/low) × pleasantness (pleasant/unpleasant).
- 3. Prompt rotation:** "What do you need to feel ready?" / "What's one thing you're proud of?"
- 4. Expression options:** Speak, write, draw, or log digitally.
- 5. Transition:** Celebrate courage: "Showing up counts as success."



Quick-Start

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# Regulation Menu

## **Somatic Corners**

Weighted lap pads / resistance bands.

Textured mats for grounding feet.

Noise-cancel headphones or playlist station.

## **Sentence Frames**

"Today my energy feels \_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_."

"If I had a support buddy, I'd ask for \_\_\_\_."

"What I want you to know is \_\_\_\_."

## **Micro- Interventions**

4-7-8 breathing with visual timer.

Emotion charades for name-it-to-tame-it practice.

Three-minute journaling using Feelings Unplugged prompts.

## **Co-Regulation Scripts**

"Would a pause, stretch, or water help right now?"

"Do you want me to sit nearby or give space?"

"Your nervous system is doing its job. Let's breathe together."

# Trauma-Informed Response

## IF A STUDENT DYSREGULATES

Regulate the room (lower stimuli, anchor remaining students).

Approach with neutral posture, soft eye contact.

Offer choices: "Hallway, calming corner, or sit with me?"

After stabilization, document triggers and supports requested.

Schedule restorative follow-up; invite student voice in consequences.

Reference: SAMHSA Trauma-Informed Schools (2014); Liberation-centered classroom practice (Love, 2019).

# Lesson Integration

## **ELA / Humanities**

Map character emotional arcs with the mood meter.

Journaling from archetype perspectives to deepen analysis.

## **STEM**

Brain science mini-lessons (amygdala vs. prefrontal cortex).

Data projects tracking sleep, mood, and focus correlations.

## **Advisory & SEL**

Weekly reflection circle using journal prompts.

Playlist therapy sessions to co-create calming soundtracks.

## **Project- Based Learning**

Students design regulation corners for the school.

Community interviews on emotional resilience strategies.

# Classroom Prompts

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**Opening:** "What's the weather in your head today? Sunny, foggy, stormy, still?"

**Midweek:** "Name one boundary you honored this week. Where do you want help protecting one?"

**Closing:** "Name a support that kept you grounded. Who can you thank?"

**Project Reflection:** "What did your nervous system learn from this assignment?"

# **Emergency Protocol Snapshot**

## Safety Steps

- Stay with student; remove audience when possible.
- Call in designated crisis responder/counselor.
- Document what was said/requested verbatim.

## Family Communication

- Neutral tone: "Here's what we observed; here's how we responded."
- Share resources (crisis lines, school supports).
- Schedule follow-up; invite caregiver voice.

## Aftercare

- Debrief privately once regulated.
- Update safety plans/accommodation notes.
- Provide re-entry ritual (affirmations, new plan).

# Educator Nervous-System Care

## Micro Practices

Two minutes of box breathing between classes.

Shake or stretch before/after high-energy lessons.

Tag in colleagues—co-regulation is communal.

## Boundaries to Model

Office hours for emotional check-ins.

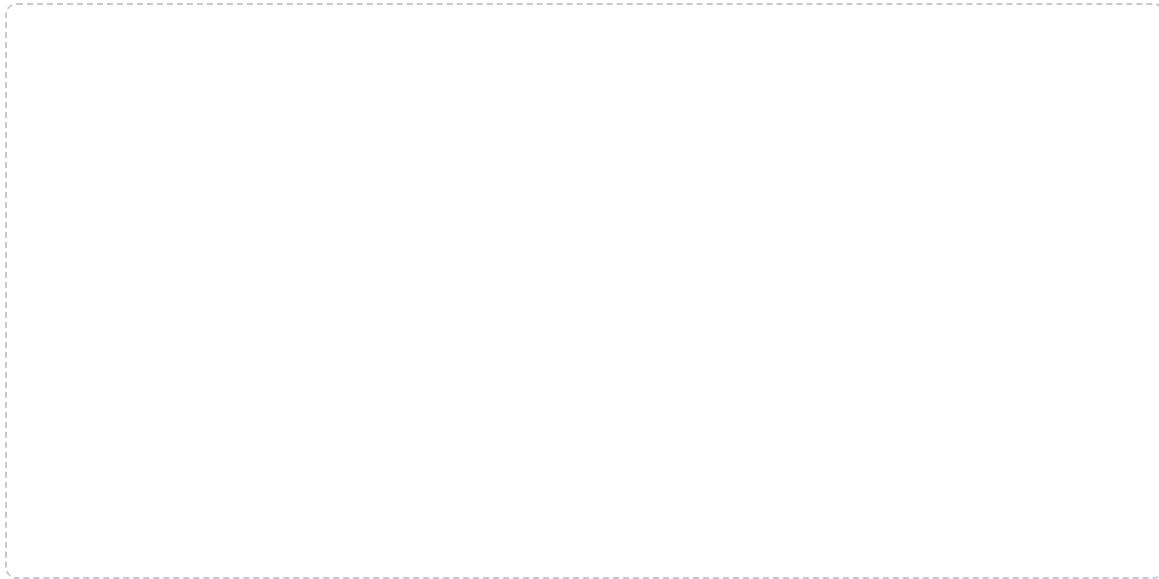
"I care and want to keep holding space—let's pick this up during advisory."

Limit after-hours messaging; protect restoration time.

Compassion fatigue is cumulative. Transparent boundaries demonstrate sustainable care for both educators and students.

# Field Notes & Adaptations

Capture lesson tweaks, student feedback, and co-created rituals here. Send excerpts to [atlas@feelingsunplugged.space](mailto:atlas@feelingsunplugged.space) so we can fold them into future releases.

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# Resources & Citations

## Research References

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## Useful Links

Feelings Unplugged App · [feelingsunplugged.space](https://feelingsunplugged.space)

Atlas Academy · [feelingsunplugged.space/atlas](https://feelingsunplugged.space/atlas)

Teaching Tolerance / Learning for Justice · [learningforjustice.org](https://learningforjustice.org)

Mindful Schools · [mindfulschools.org](https://mindfulschools.org)

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