

Expectations and Tips for Teaching Middle and High Schoolers

Behavior

Students May...	MS/HS/Both	I can...
- Want to look “cool” (e.g. not trying too hard, not looking dumb, etc.)	HS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Encourage questions; explicitly say that all questions are welcome, and acknowledge great questions- Use “warm-up” questions that are less open-ended
- Be super shy (i.e. “I don’t know anyone here!”)	Both	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Have students discuss answers or work with a partner- Chat with students before class starts- Physically go around to individual groups to answer any questions
- Be super enthusiastic and/or energetic	MS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Incorporate physical movement into your class (move around in the room, come up to the board)- Remind students to come back to the task/topic on hand
- Be overwhelmed by the college environment and new independence	Both	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Have a warm-up activity or exercise; bring up a topic they might already know; give students time to settle in- End on time so students don’t have to rush to their next class