

KIDS SAY THE *COOLEST* THINGS...
WHEN USING *COOL TOOLS* COMMON CORE LANGUAGE
Cue Sheet

Motto: It's not cool to be cruel

Cues:	What it means:
BUBBLE OF SPACE	I need my own space, one that doesn't displace anyone else.
THAT'S NOT OKAY	Stop! It's not okay to put me or anybody else down.
DEFLATE NOT INFLATE	Let's find ways to take the hot air out of this conflict to cool it down.
PUT-UPS NOT PUT-DOWNS	Kind words, not cruel words, cool down conflict.
I GET 5 PUT-UPS	It takes at least 5 honest-to-goodness put-ups to repair 1 put-down so I need 5 or more put-ups to build me back up after that put-down.
CHOICE OF VOICE OR MICROPHONE VOICE	Tone of voice is more than 90% of the message; I can't hear or respond to the words until the choice of voice changes.
INTEGRITY STATEMENTS	I go straight to the truth because I know it's the right thing to do.
"I FELT" STATEMENTS	Responding to an incident with "I felt..." (<i>followed by a feeling word</i>) is cooler than starting with "You are..." or "You always..."
COMPROMISE	Responding to an impasse with "We can compromise" cools down the conflict to create a WIN-WIN situation for everyone involved.
KEEP THE <i>PROMISE</i> IN <i>COMPROMISE</i>	Once we've compromised, I need to use my integrity to keep my part of the promise and trust that you'll keep your part of the promise.
CLOSED-DOOR EXIT OR EXIT IF IT ESCALATES	If I feel bullied and we can't compromise or cool down the conflict, I'm closing the door on taking any more and finding a safe way to exit.
I'M USING MY CHILL SKILLS	I'm doing what I can to chill or cool down before discussing the incident further or making a decision.
TOOTHPASTE CHALLENGE	I'm going to zip my lip the minute the wrong words start to come out.
IS THAT A RED, YELLOW, GREEN OR BLUE DECISION?	Using the color code for decision making helps me know the type of decision and clarifies the boundaries for me.
LET'S SORT IT OUT	If I don't feel I'm BAD or in BIG trouble, I can tell my point of view with integrity, listen to others' perspectives and help sort it all out to resolve the conflict (which may or may not include consequences).