



BEYOU

BE ENGAGED YOUR OWN UNIQUE WAY

BEYOU is all about making sure you can be the real you at school! This guide explores cultural behaviors, and highlights BEYOU moments for students like you to be their cultural and linguistic selves at school.

NONVERBAL LANGUAGE CUES

Saying something without saying anything

What does it mean?

Nonverbal language cues are how I speak with my body, not words. It is nonverbal communication! There are a lot of ways to say something, without using words *at all*. My body language, facial expressions and eye movements are important ways I communicate. My friends and I can have whole conversations without actually speaking!

Culturally Speaking:

Pragmatic language is the use of nonverbal cues to communicate meaning. Nonverbal communication is a powerful cultural tool. Eye contact, gestures, facial expressions, and body language can carry deep meaning and reflect a student's cultural identity and strengths. In some cultures, nonverbal communication is a deeply valued skill, considered more expressive than words depending on the context and what needs to be conveyed.

BEYOU Moments

- Discussion protocols
- Read aloud protocols
- Small group and class discussions
- Response protocols

CLR Activities to BEYOU:

I Got This!
Silent Appointment
Back to Back
Interview a Word

CONVERSATIONAL PATTERNS

Jump In! Shout Out!

What does it mean?

Conversational patterns are all about different ways to have a conversation. Sometimes my friends and I all start talking at the same time, getting to jump in and out and bounce around a topic. Sometimes when I tell a story I go back and forth between different memories and ideas before getting to the main point. These different ways of talking make it more fun and interesting!

Culturally Speaking:

Conversational patterns are deeply rooted in cultural background and vary significantly across communities. In many cultures, nonverbal cues are a valued and sophisticated form of communication, capable of conveying meaning that words alone cannot. In some cultures, overlapping in conversation is a sign of active engagement and respect, signaling that listeners are invested in what is being shared. Similarly, nonlinear storytelling, in which a speaker weaves together memories, context, and related ideas before arriving at a central point, reflects a culturally meaningful way of building connection and authenticity.

BEYOU Moments

- Whole group/small group activities
- Whole class discussions
- Extended collaboration

CLR Activities to BEYOU:

Mind Streaming
Talk a Mile a Minute
Carousel Brainstorming
Shout Out

Check out the Cultural Behavior Tutorials for these cultural behaviors and more [here!](#)