

# Ron Clark's Essential 55

- Rule 1: Respond to adults with "Yes ma'am" or "No sir"
- Rule 2: Make eye contact when someone is speaking.
- Rule 3: Congratulate the winner or when someone does something well
- Rule 4: Respect other students' comments, opinions, and ideas
- Rule 5: If you win, do not brag, if you lose, do not show anger
- Rule 6: If you are asked a question in conversation, ask a question in return
- Rule 7: Cover your mouth when you sneeze or cough and say excuse me
- Rule 8: Do not show disrespect with gestures
- Rule 9: Always say thank you when given something
- Rule 10: When you receive something, do not insult the gift or the giver
- Rule 11: Surprise others by performing random acts of kindness
- Rule 12: When grading other students' papers, give only the correct grade
- Rule 13: Follow along when we read together in class
- Rule 14: Answer all written questions with a complete sentence
- Rule 15: Do not ask for a reward
- Rule 16: You must complete your homework every day
- Rule 17: Subject transitions will be swift, quiet, and orderly
- Rule 18: Be as organized as possible
- Rule 19: When homework is assigned, do not moan or complain
- Rule 20: When a substitute is present, all class rules still apply
- Rule 21: Follow the specific classroom protocols
- Rule 22: You may bring a bottle of water to class, you may not leave for a drink of water during class
- Rule 23: Know other teachers' names and greet them in the hall by name
- Rule 24: Keep yourself and the bathrooms clean and germ-free
- Rule 25: Greet visitors and make them feel welcome
- Rule 26: Do not save seats in the lunchroom
- Rule 27: Do not stare at a student that is being reprimanded
- Rule 28: Call me if you have a question about homework and leave a message-once
- Rule 29: Follow the ABC's of etiquette
- Rule 30: After dining in the cafeteria or elsewhere, be responsible for your trash
- Rule 31: In a hotel room, leave a tip for the hotel workers who clean your room
- Rule 32: On a bus, always face forward
- Rule 33: When meeting new people, shake hands and repeat their name
- Rule 34: When offered food, take only your fair share
- Rule 35: If someone drops something and you are close to it, pick it up
- Rule 36: Hold the door for people rather than letting it close on them
- Rule 37: If someone bumps into you, say excuse me, even if it was not your fault
- Rule 38: On a field trip, enter a public building quietly
- Rule 39: On a field trip, compliment the place you are visiting
- Rule 40: During an assembly, do not speak or call out to friends
- Rule 41: At home, answer your phone in a polite and appropriate manner
- Rule 42: When returning from a trip, shake the hands of every chaperone
- Rule 43: On escalators, stand to the right, walk to the left
- Rule 44: When walking in line, keep your arms at your sides and move quietly
- Rule 45: Never cut in line
- Rule 46: No talking in a movie theater during a movie
- Rule 47: Do not bring perfume or anything scented into the classroom
- Rule 48: If anyone is bullying you, let me know
- Rule 49: Stand up for what you believe in
- Rule 50: Be positive and enjoy life
- Rule 51: Live so that you will never have regrets
- Rule 52: Learn from your mistakes and move on
- Rule 53: No matter the circumstances, always be honest
- Rule 54: Carpe Diem
- Rule 55: Be the best person you can be