## **NEW TEACHER CHECKLIST**



1. Establish your routines - Ex: Will students come into class and begin by writing for 5+ minutes to a prompt?
2. Choose the key classroom rules - Ex: Respect for all
3. Decide on the consequences for rule infractions - Ex: First infraction may be a stern teacher look or you decide on proximity to the student.
4. Consider the politics and school culture - Ex: Contact the grade level lead teacher or department head to set up a meeting before school starts.
5. Make summer staff connections - Ex: A colleague could have a pacing guide that would help your plan the first few months of teaching.
6. Schedule an appointment with HR - Ex: Gather your college units that will be used for your salary schedule placement. Will you defer your pay over 12 month?
7. Classroom style and organization - Ex: decide whether you are going to cover your bulletin boards in fabric, non-fade paper, or district butcher paper.
8. Find out how to access the district warehouse - Ex: Salvage some books that may have been discarded by a teacher who retired or a book shelf that could be the start to your classroom library.
9. Consider the local Goodwill store for fun treasures to spice up your classroom
10. Start building your web site after you have checked out some website blogs for your grade level