



Strategy Tool: Greeting Students at the Door

Classroom Greetings

- 1 Begin by thinking of ways to greet students that you are comfortable doing and you think the students would enjoy. Feel free to make up your own greetings (they can be silly if you choose). Be sure to choose a variety: some can include physical contact while others do not.

Complete the chart below with the types of greetings you'll use, what each of those will look like (to aid in teaching each one to the students), and the visual you will create for each.

Greeting Type	What It Looks Like	Visual



- 2** Using the completed chart, create a visual aid with the symbols for each greeting you chose. This visual will be used to teach students each of the choices and when the greetings will be used.
- 3** Post your visual next to the spot where you plan to stand while you greet students.
- 4** Be sure you are outside or just inside your classroom door before the first student enters your room and stay there until all students are inside (or at least all visible students). Direct students to the visual of possible choices when they enter the room until choosing becomes a routine.