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# **Building an Excellent Classroom Culture**



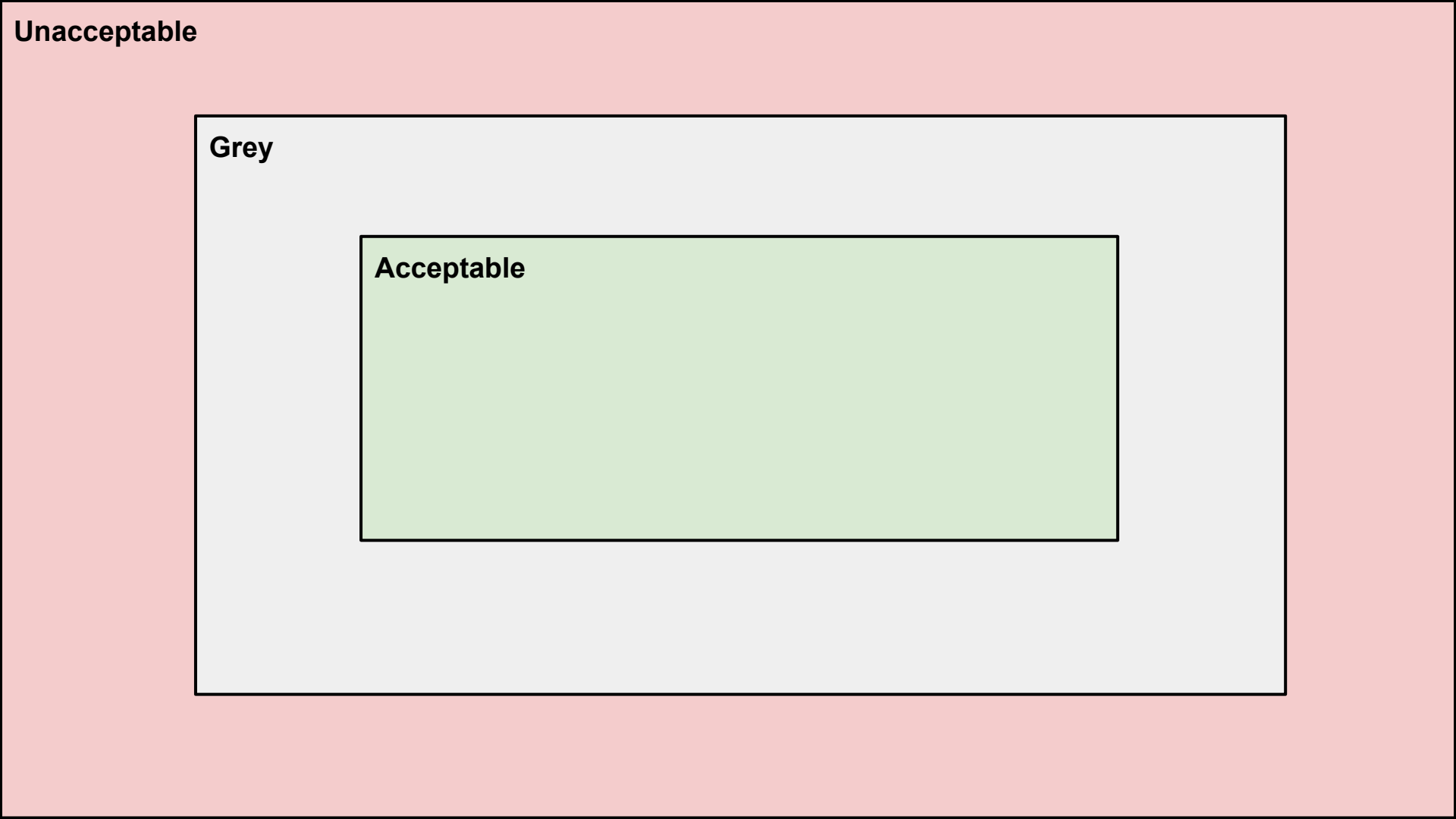
# Gray Box Activity: How To!

- 1) List all of the student behaviors that occur during a problem time of day. This activity can be used for schoolwide systems – recess, hallway behavior, dismissal – or classroom routines – unpack, group work, independent reading, etc.
- 2) Place them in categories: **acceptable, unacceptable, or gray.**
- 3) By the end of the activity, all behaviors should be **moved out of the gray box and into either acceptable or unacceptable.**
- 4) The end result is that educators should have a clear understanding of expectations for students, then be able to relay them concisely and hold kids accountable accordingly.

**Unacceptable**

**Grey**

**Acceptable**



# Unacceptable

Screaming as you enter the classroom

Running in the classroom

Cellphones (if we can see it or hear it - we can take it)

Using unkind words

## Gray

### Acceptable

Walking

Good morning to another student

Quietly raise their hands

Hand signaling to use restroom, leave classroom

first 5 minutes - check your email

Using kind words

Walk in quickly

Voice level of 0

Cell phones are kept in a bookbag, on silent

Seeing or hearing the cell phone

Running

Arriving and not putting homework away right away