



- Staff Activity -

Changing Your Vernacular

Objective: Understanding what words you say and their impact on students

Estimated Time: 1 Week

Materials: Inventory Sheet

Inventory:

List the words you use to refer to your students who are currently behind academically:

List the words you use to talk about students who have challenging behavior:

List the words you use to refer to students who are performing at or above grade levels.

After your list is made, begin to inventory how often you use each word and in what context. You may want to focus in on a few terms.

After your inventory is complete. Brainstorm other words you could use that insinuate more of a growth mindset.