



Recognition & Motivation Systems: The Celebration Toolkit

Purpose:

To provide administrators with practical ways to celebrate Emozi® progress and sustain enthusiasm among students and staff. Recognition systems reinforce program value, build positive school culture, and counteract dips in implementation energy.

1. Student Recognition: Emozi® Stars

- **Monthly Recognition:** Celebrate one student per class/grade who demonstrates Emozi® skills (kindness, problem-solving, perseverance).
 - **Visible Recognition:** Post photos or names on a “Wall of Stars” bulletin board or feature them in morning announcements.
 - **Certificates/Badges:** Provide printable Emozi® certificates or digital shoutouts for family newsletters.
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2. Staff Recognition: Emozi® Champions

- **Shoutouts in Staff Meetings:** Highlight teachers integrating Emozi® strategies in creative ways.
 - **Monthly “Character Champion” Award:** Recognize a teacher, counselor, or staff member modeling Emozi® values.
 - **Peer Recognition:** Encourage staff to nominate each other for small wins (“I saw Ms. Lopez use STAR during group work”).
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3. Schoolwide Rituals



- **Bulletin Boards:** Dedicate space to showcase current unit themes, student reflections, or strategy spotlights.
 - **Assemblies:** Begin assemblies with an Emozi® student leadership moment (e.g., leading STAR breathing or sharing SCOPE examples).
 - **Morning Announcements:** Feature weekly Emozi® strategy tips, student shoutouts, or class challenges.
 - **Spirit Days or Challenges:** Align a “Kindness Week” or “Respect Spirit Day” with Emozi® lessons for visible culture-building.
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4. Family & Community Recognition

- **Newsletter Highlights:** Share stories of students using Emozi® skills at home.
 - **Family Spotlights:** Invite families to contribute examples of strategies applied outside school.
 - **Community Acknowledgment:** Partner with local organizations to provide small prizes, certificates, or public recognition.
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5. Administrator Action Steps

- Schedule a monthly recognition rhythm (students + staff).
 - Incorporate Emozi® shoutouts into existing structures (assemblies, newsletters, bulletin boards).
 - Empower the Emozi® Leadership Team to lead recognition efforts.
 - Use recognition as a “booster” strategy during mid-year or multi-year dips in energy.
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✨ **Tip:** Recognition doesn’t have to be elaborate — it just needs to be consistent. Celebrating small wins builds momentum and reinforces Emozi® as a valued, lasting part of school culture.

