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Classroom Management Glossary

- VL: Voice level. This refers to the acceptable level of speaking voice.
 - VL0: Total silence.
 - VL1: Silent except for relevant questions and discussion.
 - VL2: Whisper voice
 - VL3: “Indoor Voice”
- OTC: Off topic conversation
- AVL: Above Voice Level, i.e. too loud.
- PST: Proper Sitting Technique. A student should be sitting in the chair properly and at the assigned seat.
- DBL: Designated Bag Location. Currently defined as the back corners of the classroom, lockers, and hallway.
- PDD: Personal Digital Device. Encompasses phones, computers, portable gaming systems, and similar.
- OTB: On Task Behavior. A general description of the expectations for student engagement with the current activity.
- RCM: Required Class Materials.
- UMIWS: Unnecessary Materials In Workspace
- NIR: Not in Room. This refers to the absence of a student from the room for any reason: excused or unexcused absences, bathroom breaks, sports, ...
- POL: “Proof of Learning”. A task designed to gauge whether a student knows or can perform a certain task according to a standard. The POL is completed individually under the close supervision of an instructor in order to minimize the chance that the student’s true abilities will be misrepresented.

Some POL tasks will be open to the use of notes or other printed aids. These are designated with the prefix “ON-“ for Open Notes. The opposite is CN- which is used for standards that have an expectation of memorization.

Another option is whether the POL counts for a minor grade or not. If so, it will be designated with the suffix –G. The other option is for a student who does not show the ability to perform the task to be required to attend a remediation. This is designated with –R.

In all cases, students may request or be required to redo a POL to demonstrate that their learning has persisted or that they have gained learning they previously did not have.