# Mindset as a Practice for the Classroom and the Soul

EDCAMP 2025 - LEARNING LAB



## Welcome + Honoring the Room

"I see you. I honor the complexity, pressure, and emotional labor of teaching."

## REFLECTION

Who are you becoming in this season of your life — and who's watching you do it?"

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## STATE OF BECOMING

Becoming is a mindset, not a destination.

It is self-leadership, healing, and growth in motion.

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## WHY IT MATTERS IN EDUCATION

Our inner world shapes our outer impact.

Students feel who we are more than what we teach.

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## THE 3 CORE PRINCIPLES

Mindset isn't static—it's shaped by what we choose to practice.

The emotional climate we carry becomes the one we create.

We can't lead students into growth we're too afraid to embody ourselves.

## GROUP DISCUSSION

Get into 3 groups (1 principle per group)

Discuss: What does this mean to you?

Where do you feel aligned/resistant?

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## GROUP DEBRIEF

What came up in your conversations?

What stuck with you?

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## MIRROR MOMENTS REFLECTION

In your booklet, answer the questions:

"What do I want students to feel when they're around me?"

What mindset am I modeling without realizing it?

What would shift if I became more aware of it?

## PRACTICES FOR THE CLASSROOM + THE SOUL

## **Daily Reframe**

A mindset practice that shifts how we interpret a situation, thought, or emotion — moving from self-criticism or overwhelm toward compassion and clarity. It's not toxic positivity. It's a practice of emotional regulation and perspective.

#### In Practice (Classroom + Soul):

Use this at the end of your day or week with a journal prompt: "Today felt \_\_\_\_, and I'm proud of "

## **Emotional Honesty Starters**

Simple sentence stems that normalize expressing emotions with vulnerability and strength. These are tools for self-awareness and connection, not overexposure.

#### *In Practice (Classroom + Soul):*

Start staff check-ins or student circles with one of these.
Use sticky notes, journals, or morning messages.

#### **3-Breath Reset**

A grounding practice that uses mindful breathing to return to the present moment. It helps reset the nervous system, especially in high-stress moments.

#### In Practice (Classroom + Soul):

Use before meetings, class transitions, or parent calls.
Invite students to practice with a hand signal or bell to cue it.

## **Permission Slips**

Inspired by Brené Brown's research, permission slips are written or verbal statements that give yourself emotional or behavioral permission in high-pressure situations.

#### In Practice (Classroom + Soul):

Write one on a post-it and place it near your desk.
Invite students to create their own for test days or transitions.

"Pick one practice to try next week. Practice it with yourself first."

## MINDSET MIRROR NOTE

## Write one sentence you need to hear when the work gets hard

**Examples:** 

"You are doing sacred work."

"You don't have to earn rest."

"You are still becoming."

## **CLOSING PROMPT**

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## FINAL WORDS

You are already shaping lives.

You are not behind. You are not broken.

You are still becoming.





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