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## Effective Learning Environments Observation Tool® (eleot®)

# Environment F: Well-Managed

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**Why It Matters:** Well-managed learning environments, with strategies that are consistently applied, enhance prosocial behavior, impact student achievement, and build students' confidence in their ability to learn and work with others (Brophy, 2006).

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### What to Understand

- A well-managed learning environment is characterized by a system of established expectations that are clearly communicated and consistently implemented.
- Evertson (2013) asserts that an effective and well-managed learning environment cultivates a high level of student engagement.
- A well-managed learning environment is dependent upon the teacher's understanding of each student's needs and personalities in order to establish an environment that is safe and productive for all.
- Smooth transitions from one activity to another ensure students are prepared for the next learning experience.

### What Learners Do

- Speak politely to their peers and teachers and show respect while others are talking.
- Listen to and follow their teacher's directions to change or complete activities.
- Demonstrate understanding of the remote learning expectations and practices.
- Share information and/or resources, materials and understanding of the activity with other students.
- Transition quickly and orderly efficiently from one activity to the next with few redirections.
- Focus on their assignments or activities.

### What Observers Do

- Listen to the tone of the verbal interactions students have with each other and with their teacher(s).
- Listen to and watch for students sharing information with each other so that established expectations, rules, and norms are upheld.
- Watch students exchange information about resources and materials and work well in groups.
- Observe how quickly students cognitively refocus after transitioning to a new activity.
- Look for students who are on task and attentive to their work and teacher(s).