

BRAIN –BASED TEACHING CHECKLIST

Based on work by Eric Jensen.

Signs of a brain-compatible classroom	Observed	Comments
1. Curriculum and instruction are MEANINGFUL to each student.		
2. MOVEMENT – students learn by doing; learning involves the body (implicit learning); motivation and energy are kept at high levels through energizers.		
3. All students are CHALLENGED to think at higher levels and solve problems.		
4. Students learn in a VARIETY of ways, so each learning style is addressed. Memory Pathways: Semantic, Semantic Plus, Episodic, Procedural, Automatic, Emotional Multiple Intelligences		
5. Teachers and students form PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS and all students feel honored and respected.		
6. Students are given regular, timely FEEDBACK on the quality of their work, so they can address mistakes and increase understanding.		
7. Students feel safe, secure and comfortable in the learning environment. It is FREE FROM THREAT and too much STRESS.		

Comments about Brain Compatible Teaching and Learning That I See: