Big Idea/ Topic
Morning Greetings

Standard Alignment
Health Standard 4: Students will demonstrate the ability to use interpersonal communication skills to enhance health and avoid or reduce health risks

Instructional Design

Define Simply
Introduce students to the Morning Routine by explaining that you will be at the door to greet them when they arrive at your class.

Model/Demonstrate with Examples
Ask students how they would like to be greeted in the morning. You can show them some examples and enjoy practicing with them. Ex: wave, fist bump, hug, handshake, high five, and dance party.

Practice in All Relevant Settings
Take students into the hallway to practice as if they were arriving. Have a poster outside your door with any greeting options you plan to provide. Students can tap the chart on the way in the door to pick their greeting. (Video Example) Practice with your students daily until this becomes routine.

Monitor & Provide Positive Feedback and Reinforcement
Especially at the beginning, praise students, and encourage them for participating in the morning greeting. This will help students feel connected to you and contribute to a positive well-being.

Based on Data, Adjust Instruction & Reteach
If an individual student does not want to greet at any point in the year, something may be wrong. Make sure to respond with empathy and find a quiet moment to ask them what happened. If several students do not want to greet, it may be beneficial to reteach and practice with feedback.

Evidence of Student Success
- Student success will be demonstrated by students participating and engaging in morning greetings each day.
- For students to be successful, teachers need to be at the door before they arrive.

Distance Learning Supports
- Morning greeting can be adapted for online lessons by using the chat box or emoji options.

Engaging Families
- Teachers can send a copy of the greeting choices home for families to use to practice greetings.
- Parents can talk with their child about how it feels to be positively greeted by their teacher each morning.
- Students can complete a journal entry at home and share with family members about their favorite greeting(s) and why.