

## **WHAT IS AN ANCHOR CHART?**

These charts are hung in the classroom in order to support instruction and help “anchor” students’ learning to specific content.

## **WHAT’S SPECIAL ABOUT THIS PARTICULAR ANCHOR CHART?**

This anchor chart highlights “attitude” characteristics. The acronym ZEARN stands for five positive math attitudes:

**Z = Zealous**

**E = Engaged**

**A = Appreciative**

**R = Resilient**

**N = Neighborly**

## **HOW WOULD I DISPLAY THIS ANCHOR CHART?**

Print each characteristic on its own page, then hang them in order on a wall so that you can pin students’ names to a characteristic. Clothespins are one inexpensive option for showcasing students on the chart.

## **WHY IS DISPLAYING THE “ATTITUDE ANCHOR CHART” USEFUL?**

Often, students and teachers rush through each day’s lessons and activities with little time for reflection. This chart reminds everyone that not only is it beneficial to complete quality work, it’s also valuable to consider the process. When students are recognized for being “resilient,” for example, they also earn an “attitude badge” that can be personalized to show exactly what was difficult and how they learned that specific problem/concept. This opportunity allows students and teachers to both reflect on content that’s been learned and foster better learning practices.

# ATTITUDE

ANCHOR CHART

**Z**ealous

**E**ngaged

**A**ppreciative

**R**esilient

**N**eighborly



I have math energy and enthusiasm.



**E**ngaged

I stay focused.



**A**

ppreciative

I'm grateful for \_\_\_\_\_.



**R**esilient

I keep trying, even when the  
math is really hard.



**N**eighborly

I consistently work productively  
with my classmates.