# Video clips giving rise to discussion re zones.... (Good fun)

- Which zone?
- <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b6yYd6Pq7Ic&list=PLUtNB8\_kihpY0tIXLHRpy1VHZhtrb-6GZ\_Elf</u>
- <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9nuoxJyUdfQ&list=PL2yWdO8V50KgPfDRIAOxoD\_ZlbM3HWQdq</u> Buzz
- <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KWyszSFp6Fs</u>
  Sheldon
- <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kAezL6z17Dg&list=PLTL5jnPDmusAGnGP9Fq4kJ-4JLmjQ89S7&index=7&t=0s</u> Nemo
- <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ru0K8uYEZWw</u> Justin Timberlake

# The **ZONES** of Regulation<sup>®</sup>



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xB5ceAruYrI&list=PLc03\_v AS-5G4eSPaeJsTnFXUyxKLMHNso&index=8&t=0s









### What are the zones?

- A concept used to help children to self regulate
- The Zones of Regulation creates a system to categorise how the body feels and emotions into four coloured zones with which the students can easily identify.
- The Zones framework provides strategies to teach children to become more aware of and independent in controlling their emotions and impulses, manage their sensory needs, and improve their ability to problem solve conflicts

## Blue Zone

• Your body is running slow





#### Green Zone





#### GREEN ZONE Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn

#### **Yellow Zone**





Excited Loss of Some Control

#### Red Zone





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The Six Sides of **Breathing** 















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# Emotional triggers

- An Emotional Trigger is a response to a person, situation, event, dialogue, reading, film etc, that provokes a strong emotional reaction.
- Often we are not self aware when we are triggered and fall into reacting prior to understanding and processing our strong emotional response.



#### Learning to self regulate



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Inner critics use negative self-talk that get us nowhere. It puts defeating thoughts in my head.

Times my inner critic gets to me:

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Inner coaches help us use positive self-talk to give us the courage and strength to get through stressful situations.

Difficult times I may need my inner coach are:

My inner critic does not help and instead ends up making a situation worse.

My inner critic might say to me:

My inner coach reminds me to use strategies to keep myself calm.

To help me get to the Green Zone, my inner coach reminds me to:

I am in control of who I listen to - the inner coach or inner critic.

I can use my inner coach to defeat my inner critic by telling it:

My inner coach also helps to keep positive thoughts in my head so I can be successful.

My inner coach might say to me:

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All feelings are ok. It's what you do with them that counts... It is important to note that everyone experiences all of the zones—the Red and Yellow Zones are not the "bad" or "naughty" zones. All of the zones are expected at one time or another. The Zones of Regulation is intended to be neutral and not communicate judgment.





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Think about a situation when you had

(or anticipate having) a

difficult time STOPPING

and staying in the

Green Zone.

# Use the language

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To help reinforce \_\_\_\_\_\_using his or her zone tools to regulate at home, in the community, and at school, please give one Tool Award! every time the student attempts to use a tool. Even if the tool didn't work or you needed to remind him or her to use a tool, making a sincere effort to get out of an unexpected zone earns the student a Tool Award! Please have the student bring awards back to me, \_\_\_\_\_, as we are collecting them and working toward receiving our Zones License! Thank you for your help and support.



# 8 top tips for staff to help generalisation

- 1. Use the language and talk about the concepts of The Zones as they apply to you in a variety of environments.
- 2. Make comments aloud so the student understands it is natural that we all experience the different zones and use strategies to control (or regulate) ourselves. For example, "This is really frustrating me and making me go into the Yellow Zone. I need to use a tool to calm down. I will take some deep breaths."
- 3. Help the student gain awareness of his or her zones and feelings by pointing out your observations.
- 4. Talk about what zone is "expected" in the situation or how a zone may have been "unexpected."
- 5. Share with the student how his or her behaviour is affecting the zone you are in and how you feel.
- 6. Help the student become comfortable using the language to communicate his or her feelings and needs by encouraging the student to share his or her zone with you.
- 7. Show interest in learning about the student's triggers and Zones tools. Ask the student if he or she wants reminders to use these tools and how you should present these reminders.
- 8. Make sure you frequently reinforce the student for being in the expected zone rather than only pointing out when his or her zone is unexpected.



