

**Me in My**

**ZONES**

## The ZONES of Regulation® Glossary

**Self-regulation:** The ability to achieve the preferred state of alertness for the given situation. This includes regulating one's body's needs as well as one's emotions.

**The Zones:** A concept used to help students learn how to self-regulate. The Zones of Regulation creates a system to categorize how the body feels and emotions into four colored zones with which the students can easily identify.

**Blue Zone:** Used to describe a low state of alertness. The Blue Zone is used to describe when one feels sad, tired, sick, or bored.

**Green Zone:** Used to describe the ideal state of alertness. A person may be described as calm, happy, focused, or content when he or she is in the Green Zone. The student feels a strong sense of internal control when in the Green Zone.

**Yellow Zone:** Used to describe a heightened state of alertness. A person may be experiencing stress, frustration, anxiety, excitement, silliness, or fear when in the Yellow Zone. The student's energy is elevated yet he or she feels some sense of internal control in the Yellow Zone.

**Red Zone:** Used to describe an extremely heightened state of alertness. A person may be experiencing anger, rage, explosive behavior, panic, extreme grief, terror, or elation when in the Red Zone and feels a loss of control.

**Toolbox:** A collection of calming and alerting strategies a student can pull from depending on the present need.

**Tools or strategies:** Used interchangeably to refer to a calming or alerting technique that aids the student in self-regulation.

**Trigger:** An irritant that causes a student to become less regulated and increases the likelihood of going into the Yellow or Red Zone.

**Stop, Opt, and Go:** A concept used to aid students in controlling impulses and problem solving better solutions. This phrase is paired with a stoplight to provide additional cues for students.

**Expected behaviors<sup>1</sup>:** Behaviors that give people around you **good or comfortable thoughts** about you.

**Unexpected behaviors<sup>1</sup>:** Behaviors that give people **uncomfortable thoughts** about you.

**What is the size of the problem? and Is this a Big or Little Problem?<sup>2</sup>:** Questions posed to help students measure the size of the problem they are experiencing (Big Problem, Medium Problem, or Little Problem).

**Big Problems:** Problems that many people share and that have no easy, quick, or pleasant solution.

**Medium Problems:** Problems some people share that are able to be resolved in an hour to a couple of days.

**Little Problems:** Problems that only affect one to two people and can be ignored or solved in a matter of minutes.

**Inner critic:** Used to describe negative, self-defeating thoughts.

**Inner coach:** Used to describe positive thoughts.

**Superflex thinking<sup>2</sup>:** A flexible thinking pattern in which a person is able to consider different points of view or ways to do something.





**Rock Brain thinking<sup>2</sup>:** A rigid thinking pattern in which a person gets stuck on an idea and has difficulty considering other options or ways to do something.

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<sup>1</sup> Social Thinking vocabulary developed by Michelle Garcia Winner, *Thinking About YOU Thinking About ME* (2007)

<sup>2</sup> Social Thinking vocabulary developed by Stephanie Madrigal and Michelle Garcia Winner, *Superflex: A Superhero Social Thinking Curriculum* (2008)

# The ZONES of Regulation®

			
<b>BLUE ZONE</b> Sad Sick Tired Bored Moving Slowly	<b>GREEN ZONE</b> Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn	<b>YELLOW ZONE</b> Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control	<b>RED ZONE</b> Mad/Angry Terrified Yelling/Hitting Elated Out of Control

Blue



Hurt



Sad



Depressed



Tired



Sick



Bored



Exhausted



Shy



Green



Good



Calm



Appreciated



Proud



Thankful



Happy



Good Listener



Ready to Learn



Focused



Okay



Relaxed



Content



# Yellow



**Excited**



**Frustrated**



**Nervous**



**Anxious/Worried**



**Silly**



**Annoyed**



**Overwhelmed**



**Scared**



**Jealous**



**Upset**



**Uncomfortable**



**Confused**



**Embarrassed**



**Grouchy/Crabby**

Red



Mean



Mad



Yelling



Angry



Aggressive



Terrified



Out of Control



Elated



# Which ZONE Would I Be In?

All of the zone colors are okay. There are times when you will be in different zones. Think about times that you expect you would be in the Blue, Green, Yellow, or Red Zone.

I experience all the Zones!

Times I may be in the BLUE ZONE...

Times I may be in the GREEN ZONE...

Times I may be in the YELLOW ZONE...

Times I may be in the RED ZONE...



Name: \_\_\_\_\_



This is a picture of me in the **BLUE ZONE**:

My face and body clues are:



\_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_

I feel in the **BLUE ZONE** when:

\_\_\_\_\_

I am more likely to make others feel:

\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



This is a picture of me in the GREEN ZONE:

My face and body clues are:



\_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_

I feel in the GREEN ZONE when:

\_\_\_\_\_

I am more likely to make others feel:

\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



This is a picture of me in the **YELLOW ZONE**:

My face and body clues are:



\_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_

I feel in the **YELLOW ZONE** when:

\_\_\_\_\_

I am more likely to make others feel:

\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



This is a picture of me in the RED ZONE:

A large, empty rounded rectangle with a red border, intended for a student to draw a picture of themselves in the 'RED ZONE'.

My face and body clues are:



\_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_

I feel in the RED ZONE when:

\_\_\_\_\_


I am more likely to make others feel:

\_\_\_\_\_

# Tools for Each of My ZONES

When I feel...

I can try...





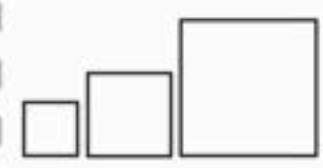

<p><b>Tired or Sad</b></p> 	
<p><b>Calm or Happy</b></p> 	
<p><b>Frustrated or Silly</b></p> 	
<p><b>Angry or Mad</b></p> 	

Adapted for The Zones of Regulation® from the original work of Barron and Curtis' The Incredible 5-Point Scale (2003), [www.5pointscale.com](http://www.5pointscale.com).

# ZONES Tools Menu



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 <p><b>Listen to Music</b></p>	 <p><b>Squishes</b></p>	 <p><b>Walk</b></p>
 <p><b>Jumping Jacks</b></p>	 <p><b>Shoulder Rub</b></p>	 <p><b>Belly Breath</b></p>
 <p><b>Inner Coach</b></p>	 <p><b>Take a Break</b></p>	 <p><b>Lazy 8 Breathing</b></p>
 <p><b>Fidget Ball</b></p>	 <p><b>Size of Problem</b></p>	 <p><b>Six Sides of Breathing</b></p>

# ZONES Check-In



I



feel

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I'm in the

Zone.



# Icons of the Four **ZONES**

Cut out the visuals below if modifying Zones Check-In into a communication board.

