



# Ready, Set, Sub!

## Your Back-to-School Checklist for a Successful Year of Substitute Teaching

Use this checklist to reflect,  
refresh, and walk into every  
classroom like a pro!

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## Reflect on Last Year

- ☐ Jotted down what worked well in classroom management
- ☐ Noted what didn't go as planned
- ☐ Identified strategies to keep, tweak, or toss

## Refresh Your Sub Bag

- ☐ Pens, sticky notes, and whiteboard markers
- ☐ Incentive coupons or small rewards
- ☐ Timer or classroom management tools
- ☐ Early finisher activities
- ☐ Emergency lesson plans
- ☐ Personal schedule & school contact info
- ☐ Tossed old papers & mystery snacks from last year

## Update Your Resume & Profiles

- ☐ Added new trainings or certifications
- ☐ Updated contact info
- ☐ Highlighted recent experience
- ☐ Polished up online sub portals

## Set Your Sub Goals

- ☐ Try a new grade level or subject
- ☐ Improve classroom management strategies
- ☐ Learn a new tech tool
- ☐ Build relationships with specific campuses
- ☐ Write down your goals to track progress



## Stay Informed

- ☐ Checked district websites for updates
- ☐ Signed up for optional trainings
- ☐ Asked about new tech or policy changes

## Invest in Yourself

- ☐ Registered for a free or low-cost training
- ☐ Explored classroom management refreshers
- ☐ Found a new resource to boost confidence
- ☐ Scheduled time for professional development

## Bonus: Celebrate Your Wins!

- ☐ Treat yourself after your first week back
- ☐ Reflect on what's going well
- ☐ Keep a “sub wins” journal or folder

## You're Ready to Rock This Year!

Whether you're stepping into a new classroom or returning to a familiar campus, this checklist is your go-to guide for starting strong and staying confident. Subbing isn't just filling in—it's showing up with purpose, preparation, and positivity. Keep this list handy, revisit your goals often, and don't forget to celebrate the small wins along the way. You've got this!



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