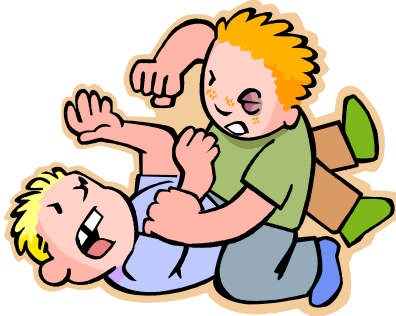


Classroom Tips

Effective Classroom Management



Managing your classroom and disciplining your students may seem like a daunting task and an overwhelming responsibility. Here are several tips to maintain order in your classroom to foster a positive learning environment for your students.

- **Start with a strong management plan – and stick to it.** Begin the year with clear, easily understandable rules with distinct consequences. Don't let students "get away" with unacceptable behavior at the outset.
- **Remain consistent.** Enforce the rules consistently so that students know what to expect and retain their respect for you.
- **Be fair.** Treat all students equally so that they will respect you and the classroom rules.
- **Try to avoid interruptions.** When a student disrupts the classroom or otherwise breaks a rule, try to diffuse the situation without greatly interrupting the classroom momentum.
- **Use humor.** Occasionally, it may be effective for the class to laugh to move on and get back to the task at hand. But, be careful that you don't step over the line and use sarcasm.
- **Expect positive behavior.** Have high expectations for your students, anticipating that they will follow, not break, the rules, Make your expectations known to your students.
- **Plan, and then plan some more.** By ensuring that you have sufficient lesson plans and activities for the day, you may decrease the amount of "down time" that students may use to act out and disrupt the classroom.
- **Start each day with an open mind.** Don't immediately assume that the student who misbehaved yesterday will act out again today.

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