

# MANAGING A CLASSROOM

27 ideas about how to manage a classroom

## Lead

Lead the class. Your mantra is, "I am the teacher. I am the teacher. I am the teacher."

## Practice

Practice consistency. If the rules are set, follow through with the consequences.

## Engage

Engage the students in creating a "Best Practices" policy for the classroom (aka class rules).

## Demonstrate

Demonstrate acceptable behavior. Treat the students with the same respect you demand.

## Play

Play a game to demonstrate the need for rules. Divide the class into groups. Play Scrabble. 1/2 of the group plays by the rules, the other 1/2 does not. Discuss.

## Switch

Switch activities if the students get out of control.

## Signal

Have a signal that shows the class they are off task.

## Write

Know your expectations. Write them out before the class shows up. Write them like learning outcomes.

## Communicate

Communicate your expectations to the class. Display them. Discuss them.

## Team up

Team-up with others in the classroom. Ask them to help reinforce the rules.

## Observe

Observe an instructor who has good classroom management skills. Borrow the best practices.

## ASK

Ask co-workers for ideas or help. Ask them to come observe you and give feedback.

## Learn

Learn the triggers for when the class gets chaotic. Avoid or limit those triggers in the classroom.

## Listen

Listen to the students. If a student is expressing a certain behavior, address it quickly.

## Watch

Watch to see what engages the students. Start using more of those teaching techniques.

## Reward

Reward good behavior.

## Motivate

Motivate the students. Build a relationship with the students. Motivate them to reach beyond.

## Show

Show students how being a good citizen starts right now.

## Break

Break bad habits.

## Video

Video the class. Play back the video in class and discuss the behavior- good and bad.

## Group

Group students. Keep groups engaged. Rotate around the room. Let the group moderate behavior.

## Mediate

Teach the students mediation. Encourage them to mediate their own problems and issues in the classroom.

## Pause

Take a pause and regroup.

## Quiz

Switched to a quick quiz to go over what each student has learned. Give them some alone time.

## Back-up

Think through a back-up plan if you lose control over the class.

## Escape

Escape from the lesson and go back to where you lost them. Discuss what you are doing with them so they know the cause and effect of the classroom plan.

## Expect

Expect excellence from every student.

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