

The Importance of Classroom Management



An Effective Discipline Plan Includes:

- Established rules
- Clear procedures
- Consistency
- Consequences and rewards
- Effective communication
- Administration support
- Parental support
- Good rapport with the students

**PLAN MUST BE IMPLEMENTED
ON FIRST CONTACT WITH
THE STUDENTS**



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**WHEN APPLIED CONSISTENTLY
PROCEDURES BECOME
ROUTINES**

The Three Steps of Teaching Procedures:

- ✓ Explain
- ✓ Rehearse
- ✓ Reinforce (remind & experience)

**STUDENTS FEEL SAFE WHEN
THERE ARE PROCEDURES IN
PLACE**

Situations that Merit Procedures:

- Entering the classroom
- Leaving the classroom
- Asking a question
- Listening to and responding to questions
- Sharpening pencils
- Turning in papers
- Indicating level of understanding
- Using the restroom/drinking water
- Behavior in the common areas
- Working in groups
- Working individually
- Working in learning centers
- Homework

WHY ARE PROCEDURES SO IMPORTANT?

- ❖ It helps create a productive learning environment
- ❖ It provides students with structure and achievable goals
- ❖ It helps form responsible individuals
- ❖ It allows for various activities to occur during the day, with a minimum of wasted time and confusion
- ❖ Students know what is expected of them
- ❖ It increases on-task time and reduces classroom disruptions



THE RULES:

- ❖ Make it simple and understandable: post no less than three rules and no more than six rules
- ❖ Students will “own” the rules if you: have them expand on them
- ❖ For better understanding: rules go according to the grade level of the students
- ❖ State the rules positively: the word **NO** should not be part of any of the rules
- ❖ Post the rules in a place that is visible from all parts of the classroom

QUICK TIPS:

- ❖ Hand signals
- ❖ Voice levels
- ❖ MODEL, MODEL, MODEL
- ❖ R-E-S-P-E-C-T
- ❖ Eye Contact
- ❖ GOOD MANNERS ALWAYS GO A LONG WAY
- ❖ Positive reinforcement
- ❖ Speak the truth
- ❖ Take care of issues instantly
- ❖ Look for the good even when it seems bad

KEEP A POSITIVE ATTITUDE...
YOU HAVE THE POWER TO
MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN
SOMEONE'S LIFE