Creating an Effective Classroom Environment
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Vocabulary Terms

- Classroom Guidelines
- Classroom Management
- Classroom Procedures
- Mediation
- Mediator

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Classroom Management

The steps teachers take to optimize learning by shaping their classroom environment, engaging students in learning, and minimizing inappropriate behavior.
Classroom Procedures

Specific guidelines that translate the class rules into concrete actions expected of students
Class Guidelines

The guidelines for students behavior specific to a class or teacher.
Mediation

The process of bringing about agreement or reconciliation between opponents in a dispute.
Mediator

A neutral person who oversees conflict resolution in order to help others reach a peaceful settlement
Effective Classroom Management
Preparing the Classroom

- Room arrangement
- Use of classroom
- Expectations
- Rules
- Procedures
- Consequences
Teacher Characteristics

- Honest
- Trustworthy
- Communicates effectively
  - Verbal
  - Non-verbal
- Caring
- Dedication
Conflict Management
Conflict

- Occurs in every classroom
- How will you deal with it?
Types of Conflict

- Issues stemming from social media
- Relationships
- Rumors and gossip
- Cheating and stealing
- Racial and cultural confrontations
- Vandalism
- Classroom or extracurricular disputes
- Bullying, minor assaults and fighting
Seven Steps to Resolving Conflicts

1) Clarify the issue
2) Find out what each person wants
3) Identify various alternatives
4) Decide how to negotiate
5) Choose the best alternative
6) Solidify the agreement
7) Review and renegotiate
Peer Mediation Techniques

- Establish ground rules
- Agree to solve the problem
- Agree to tell the truth
- Agree to listen respectfully
Goals of Mediation

- To ensure each person’s concerns are heard
- To reach a mutual agreement
QUESTIONS?
Resources and References

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