Creating an Effective Classroom Environment
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Have students write the terms and define as you talk about it.
Have students write the term and definition. Discuss.
Classroom Procedures

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

Have students write the term and definition. Discuss.
Class Guidelines
The guidelines for students’ behavior specific to a class or teacher

Have students write the term and definition. Discuss.
Mediation

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

Have students write the term and definition. Discuss.
Mediator

A neutral person who oversees conflict resolution in order to help others reach a peaceful settlement

Have students write the term and definition. Discuss.
Effective Classroom Management
Preparing the Classroom

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

Script: Effective classroom management begins with the way in which the teacher has prepared the classroom setting. The classroom environment is based on several factors such as the arrangement of desks, tables, bookshelves and other classroom materials. If the teacher has a dirty or messy room, the students will think the teacher is not ready to teach. The way in which the classroom space is used is also important for the ease of student and teacher movement around the classroom. Teachers should always post their classroom expectations, rules, procedures and consequences where students can clearly see it. Performing these small tasks will make classroom management easier for the teacher.
Script: Once the student becomes settled in their desk or table, the classroom is transformed into a learning environment by the way the teacher conducts classroom business. Think back to the characteristics that you wrote on your poster at the beginning of the lesson. An effective teacher displays positive classroom management techniques by exhibiting honesty, trustworthiness, effective communication, dedication and is a caring individual. Students wait and listen for the cues of the teacher. With these positive teacher characteristics, students can utilize classroom tools to become more productive academically.
Conflict Management
Script: Conflict is going to happen at some point during your teaching career. It is inevitable that conflict will happen because so many individuals sharing differing opinions. A great teacher will handle conflict in an effective manner that minimizes further classroom disruption, while at the same time corrects the behavior - this takes practice. How will you handle conflict? (Allow students to discuss conflict resolution in groups or pairs briefly. Then have students share ideas with the class.)
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

Script: In your classroom, there are several types of conflict you will encounter. Once again, conflict will arise at some point in every classroom; how the teacher chooses to handle the conflict can define his or her teaching style.

*Which conflicts should be immediately reported to your administration?
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

Script: There are seven basic steps to resolving conflicts. Step two is especially important for both parties in coming to a conclusion or a compromise. For a majority of people, each person just wants to feel their concerns are being heard. Actively listening to the student(s) can make a vast difference in the situation at hand. Remember, actively listening involves replying back to the other person and commenting on their responses.
Peer Mediation Techniques

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

Script: In order for peer mediation to be successful, members of mediation should establish ground rules, agree to solve the problem at hand, agree to tell the truth during mediation, and agree to listen respectfully to one another. With these guidelines in place, peer mediation can be a useful tool to handle conflict in the classroom.
Goals of Mediation

- To ensure each person’s concerns are heard
- To reach a mutual agreement

Script: Mediation can be a practical classroom tool. The main goals of mediation is to ensure each person’s concerns are heard and to reach a mutual agreement amongst the conflicting individuals.
QUESTIONS?

Script: Are there any questions?
Resources and References

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