

Reducing Discipline Problems

1. Act like a teacher. Mix warmth and friendliness in your classroom. Serve as a role model for students.
2. Increase adult-student ratio by using teacher aides, parents, and/or volunteers.
3. Encourage free discussion with your students to express their concerns.
4. Let your students help you put up bulletin boards dealing with subject matter that reflects their interest.
5. Share in the decision-making process when dealing with rules and requirements in your classroom.
6. Ask for student input on how your class can improve. Do not take their comments personally, but try to build on their criticisms.
7. Institute privileges that students can earn by exhibiting good behavior.
8. Permit students to remain after school. Be there if they need extra help in their academic studies.
9. Do not compare one student with another. All students are individuals and no two are the same.
10. Thank students for their cooperation and assistance.
11. Make your teaching interesting and relevant. Going through the motions will only create disruptive behavior.
12. Make your classroom as attractive and pleasant as possible. This will make students want to be in your room.
13. Treat students with respect, warmth, and trust.
14. Do things for and with students. Show them that you really care for their well being.