

## Controlling Your Classroom

Good classroom discipline helps to create an environment for efficient learning. The main goal of discipline is for the student to accept responsibility for his/her own actions. Unfortunately, this goal is not easily reached. Students need a helping hand.

Here are some tips that should be followed before, during, and after a lesson to help create a positive learning environment.

### Before The Lesson

1. Be prepared. Consider individual students and their strengths and weaknesses. Take special care in organizing the lesson.
2. Write detailed lesson plans geared to the students. It is better to over plan each lesson than be left 15 minutes short at the end of the lesson with nothing else planned. Provide enrichment material for advanced students and drill, repetition, and review for lower achievers.
3. Set standards in the classroom. Establish rules, not threats or fears.

### During The Lesson

1. Remain businesslike while teaching. Students will try to take every possible advantage.
2. Begin instruction with an attention-getter to make sure all students are ready to participate.
3. Speak softly but firmly. Avoid unnecessary repetition of instructions by writing them on the board.
4. Establish and maintain a daily routine.
5. Do not give students time to get out of control. Keep students busy and involved.
6. Speak to students at their level for clearer understanding.
7. Trust students and take an interest in each one of them.
8. Discourage calling out or chorus answers.

### After The Lesson

1. Assign and carefully check assignments and homework to establish good work habits.
2. Provide feedback on completed work as soon as possible.
3. Make transition to the next lesson or activity efficiently.