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## Successful Classroom Management Techniques

Successful classroom management can make a tremendous difference in the amount of learning that occurs. There are many methods of organizing the classroom that can make the classroom more conducive to learning.

### Develop Workable Rules

Develop rules that can be readily carried out in the classroom. Make these rules enforceable, reasonable and easily understandable by all students.

### Vary Instruction

Develop ways to reduce off task behavior problems. Vary instructional strategies to include discussion, lecture and inquiry methods. Limit seatwork and utilize more directed and hands-on activities.

Vary instruction according to the needs of the students. It may be appropriate to break instruction into small steps, have more practice sessions, provide a high rate of success, call on non-volunteers, individualize more, etc.

### Monitor Students

Monitor students carefully. Circulate around the room and make your presence noticeable. Develop an accountability system so that assignments can be checked, progress monitored and feedback provided on a regular basis.

There are times when it is better to ignore specific behaviors. If the behavior is momentary, ignore it. If the behavior is of only minor deviation, ignore it. If dealing with the behavior will disrupt the whole class, ignore it. The classroom teacher can learn to determine what should be ignored and what should not.

Classroom management is the key to student learning. Develop a plan and stick with it. Consistency will pay off in improved student behavior and greater academic progress.