

Effective Guidelines For Discipline

The following guidelines can help you organize your discipline techniques for the best possible classroom control. Use the guidelines to develop an effective and consistent discipline program.

1. Do not disapprove of the child, disapprove of what he/she does.
2. Give attention for good behavior, not bad behavior.
3. Encourage and allow democratic discussion, but remember, it is the teacher who makes the final decisions.
4. Punishment for behavior infractions should be swift, reasonable, and relate to the offense. Punishment need not be severe to be effective.
5. Throw out all rules you are unwilling to enforce and be willing to change the rules if and when you think they need changing.
6. Do not lecture and do not warn. Students will remember what they think is important.
7. Explain your rules, but do not feel you should try to justify them.
8. Allow a student to assume responsibility for his/her decisions as he/she shows the ability to do so.
9. Do not expect your students to demonstrate more self-control than you do.
10. Be honest with your students. Hypocrisy shows!