

Discipline: Tricks Of The Trade

Successful teachers have assembled a bag of ideas to combat the everyday occurrences of disruptive behavior. Here are some examples of proven techniques used by successful classroom teachers.

1. Be flexible. Change the pace of your routine if you notice your class is becoming restless or tired. Take breaks if necessary.
2. Do not be afraid to praise your students for good work or work improvement. Make sure your praise is sincere, not just a habit.
3. Respect the rights and interests of your students. Encourage students to establish a set of standards for their classroom behavior.
4. Keep your eyes and ears open in your school for potential trouble spots.
5. Have extra activities available in case your lesson ends sooner than you expected. Also, activities can be used to change the pace of your routine or if the lesson is not going as well as you planned.