

## The Disruptive Youth

The disruptive youth exhibits many kinds of behavior. To list them all would really be of no use to educators, but specific examples of disruptive behavior can be of benefit to all. Here are the most common disruptions.

1. Exhibits physical and verbal aggression toward classmates. These include fighting and instigation of arguments.
2. Exhibits verbal aggression toward teachers and other authority figures. These would include profanity and negativeness.
3. Refuses to cooperate in classroom group activities.
4. Intentionally damages classroom materials.
5. Uses classroom materials to create disruptive sounds and noises.

Obviously, every child will engage at one time or another in behavior which may fit one or more of the above categories. The important concern is recognizing the child who consistently commits these disruptive behaviors.

To determine if a student is considered a disruptive student, it is important to keep an index of the behavior being exhibited.

Effective use of the index depends on the nature and number of disruptions being committed and at what time of the day/week they are committed.

The more information we can gather about the disruptive student, the better we will be able to resolve the conflicts in our classroom.