

Behavior/Self-Esteem

We are often faced with situations that affect the learning ability of our students. How we handle those situations will have an effect on success in the classroom. Here are some possible steps that can be taken to develop appropriate behavior from our students while increasing their self-esteem:

1. Use positive reinforcement - verbal praise, wink, smile, pat on the shoulder, privileges, certificates, notes to parents.
2. Clearly communicate expectations for behavior and the resulting positive and negative consequences.
3. Be specific, simple and consistent.
4. Use sounds, signs or looks to alter behavior.
5. Establish behavioral contracting.
6. Use "planned ignoring."
7. Use proximity or touch control.
8. Establish control through the use of humor.