

# Lecture

## U03 Class Management Strategies 2

### I. Intro

- A. Having a clear idea about how to structure the allocated time with students.**
- B. Instruction and student behavior are the other areas of classroom management that teachers can control..**

### II. Key Concepts

- A. The classroom is an organization of different elements.**
- B. The four elements are: time, space, instructional delivery and student behavior**
- C. Instructional Delivery**
  - 1. During the delivery of instruction teachers have several options to support the learners before management becomes a problem.
  - 2. Supportive measures helps to keep students on task.
  - 3. Keeping students engaged will eliminate major problems.
- D. Effective strategies for maintaining student attention**
  - 1. Observation – Keep your eyes on students and look for body language that may indicate that a problem is about to happen. Proximity – When delivering instructions, or while students are working, be on the move. Get close to students.
  - 2. Name Drop – When teaching say the student's name out loud.
  - 3. Approach and Remove –When a student is playing with something or distracting others move in close and remove the object.
  - 4. Check In –During the class stop by and check in with each group or student to make sure they are on task and engaged.
  - 5. Count Down – use counts, count downs, and timers to help keep students aware of activity time and get the class focused.
- E. Behavior**
  - 1. Rules that are positive and highlight good behavior give students a goal to work toward. Classroom rules should be short and simple. Teachers should limit rules so that students can easily remember them.

## **F. Examples of Rules Teachers Can Use in a Classroom**

- Respect others.
  - Be kind.
  - Listen Carefully.
  - Be on time.
  - Pay attention.
  - Help each other.
  - Clean up the room.
  - Make a list.
  - Finish the tasks.
  - Ask for help.
  - Help others.
  - Be safe.
  - Bring your things to class.
  - Be prepared.
1. When possible create the rules with your co-teacher so everyone is always using the same rules with students.
  2. Strategies to Keep Students on Track
    - Remind – Remind students of the rules.
    - Model – Show students positive behavior.
    - Role Play – Perform a short role play to model students following or breaking rules.
    - Rule Activities – Create activities for the rules so students have an opportunity to work with the rules in the classroom.
    - Team Introduction – All the teachers working with the classroom can introduce rules.

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### I. Class Management

- A. It is providing a positive learning environment and building relationships with students.
- B. A teacher **who knows how to control his or her classroom will have far fewer “crazy days” than one who does not.**

### II. Establishing Authority

- A. Show your students that you are serious and are not going to tolerate rude behaviors or disobedience.
- B. The easiest way to establish your authority is by following through with consequences and rewards.
- C. For younger students, consider implementing a weekly reward.

### III. Tried and True Activities/Ways to Create Positive Learning Environment

- A. Classroom Coupons
  - 1. Create coupons to give as rewards for good behavior, special efforts and/or good work.
  - 2. Coupons could be for eating with the teacher during lunch, a night off from homework, having lunch with another class, moving one's desk to a preferred spot and etc.
  - 3. Design your own coupon.
- B. Payday
  - 1. Prepare a pocket folder for each student.
  - 2. On the first day of a two-week period, give your students a set of homemade money, cut and stapled in a durable envelope with their names on the front.
  - 3. Ask students to write their names on the back of the money.
  - 4. Set up a system of values.

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5. Take away their money for any misbehavior.
6. Students can lose money for the following reasons:
  - no pencil
  - no homework
  - chewing gum
  - eating in class
  - running in the hall
7. Give students a chance to earn more money.
8. Students can earn money for the following reasons:
  - a clean desk
  - a good grade
  - bringing homework
  - being helpful
9. Adjust rules as you wish.
10. Designate a payday like the first Monday of the month.
11. Then, within those 4 weeks, students may lose or earn money.
12. On the last Friday of the month you can have an end-of-the-period sale, or simply call a flea market.
13. Provide small items that the students can purchase such as stickers, books, pencils, etc., or even a no-homework night.

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## U03 Elementary Classroom Management II

### IV. Emphasize on Respecting Each Other

- A. Direct students to respect each other.
- B. Teach students that people make mistakes.
- C. It is effective to intentionally make a mistake in order to let the students react and correct.
- D. When you are using this approach though, be careful that you do not let students get away with being disrespectful.
- E. Students respect is a necessary element of good teaching and providing positive learning environment.