

Establishing Expectations from the First Day of School - Elementary



Classroom Management

The Classroom Management series provides examples of teachers working with students to create a positive classroom culture. The segments in this series complement each other within a framework of five evidence-based components: Vision and High Expectations, Clear Procedures, Relationships and Support, Engaging Instruction, and Intervention and Redirection.

About this Segment

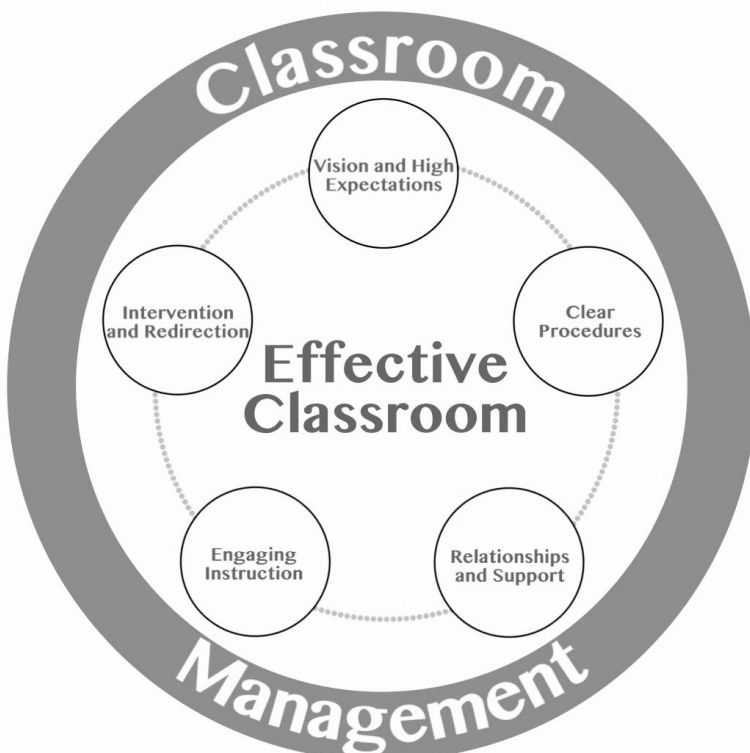
An effective classroom management plan includes high expectations for students. When students learn clear and simple expectations at the beginning of the school year, they can feel confident that their actions are setting them on the path for success.

Pre-viewing Discussion Prompt

1. How do you establish expectations with your students? What works well, and what would you like to change?

Post-viewing Discussion Prompts

1. What procedures does your school have in place to address student misbehavior?
2. In terms of a holistic approach to classroom management (see below left), how do strategies that develop Vision and High Expectations contribute to other components in this model?



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Reflection Questions

Following the discussion, participants can use the following to reflect on new learning and ideas.

1. How were the elements of hands-on activities (as outlined in the guidebook for this segment) demonstrated effectively in this segment?
2. How can you increase student buy-in to expectations in your classroom?
3. What strategies or techniques might you use to reinforce expectations in a clear, constructive way?

Elements of Establishing Expectations

- State expectations clearly and frequently
- Have expectations posted in the learning space
- Classroom expectations should align with school-wide expectations

Benefits include

- Fewer student infractions
- Empowerment and accountability for students to monitor their own behavior

Resources from School Improvement Network

Classroom Management: A Framework for Student Success. *Classroom Management*. Edviation.
<https://www.pd360.com/index.html#resources/videos/7562>

Consistency. *Conscious Classroom Management – Elementary*. Edviation.
<http://www.pd360.com/index.cfm?ContentId=623>

Academic and Professional Resources

LessonLab Skylight. "Determine Classroom Procedures Before School Starts." National Education Association.
<http://www.nea.org/tools/determine-classroom-procedures-before-school-starts.html>

Simonsen, Brandi, et al. "Evidence-based practices in classroom management: Considerations for research to practice." *Education and Treatment of Children* 31, no. 3 (2008): 351-80.

Resource for Classroom Practice

Education World (2011) Ten activities for establishing classroom rules | Lesson plan. Retrieved September 19, 2014, from http://www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/lesson/lesson274.shtml