

Classroom Management Tips

- **Have a Plan**
 - Know what your expectations are for yourself, your students and your classroom.
 - Know what your physical, staffing, curricular and behavioral limitations are and plan for them.
 - Know what your personal “buttons”.
 - Plan for unexpected or “worse case” scenarios.
 - Work from a plan rather than from emotion.
- **Establish Rules, Reinforcement and Consequences**
 - Make your rules/expectations clear and concise.
 - Teach the behaviors that you expect.
 - Model the behaviors that you expect.
 - Throughout the year, have students review and practice the behaviors you expect.
 - Be consistent and nonjudgemental in enforcing the rules.
- **Use Appropriate Teaching Methods**
 - All students do not learn in the same way. Incorporate as many learning styles as possible into your lessons.
 - Allow students choices in how they learn and in how they demonstrate what they’ve learned.
 - Adapt the curriculum to meet individual needs.
 - Know exactly what you want students to learn and establish a criteria for determining success. Share this with the students!
- **Staff Behaviors**
 - Understand and be in control of your own feelings.
 - Use prevention whenever possible.
 - Be consistent.
 - Be nonjudgemental.
 - Actively listen to students rather than assume you know what they want/mean.
 - Structure is essential but be aware of when you may need to be flexible.
 - Foster student independence and responsibility by incorporating opportunities for students to make real and significant choices.
 - Talk to each other and plan together. You need to be a team.