**How to get a good handle on classroom management**

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What is classroom management?

That is managing the classroom’s environment so that it is a comfortable space in which to teach and learn. In order to create a comfortable and good classroom environment, teachers treat the learners personality, attitudes and relationships. And also need skills of organization and seat arrangement to encourage active learning and learner involvement in a group class.

Your institution has a very strict, “English Only” policy. They are relying on you to implement and enforce this rule. How are going to go about it?

When I went to language school in New Zealand, we should use English only in the school. But there are lots of Korean and Japanese in my school. If I want to use Korean, it can be used with Korean. Most of students, they came to New Zealand to improve their English skills. So they did not use their own language, just speak English only. But several of Koreans, especially in low level, they did not try to use English, they just spoke Korean even in the class loudly. I understand, they may not express all what they think in English. No one can do actually. But they should even try to use English. Nevertheless the teachers in the school only give them warning not to use own language. They were not very strict. However if I am an English teacher in the future, I will be strict about it with a penalty which does not have a disregard of students and have little bit fun. I have an idea about penalty, when a student speak his/her own language, take a his/her photo with ugly face which all other students approve, and then put the photo upload the school homepage or café in internet to make them to try to use English in the class. I think making a penalty with fun in order to keep the rule is a good idea.

How will you as a teacher enforce frequent tardiness and frequent absences in the classroom?

When I was a student, teachers gave a punishment with a stick, kneel down with hands up on the back of the classroom or staying out of the classroom for a while, if we have a tardiness or absence. And when I was in language school in New Zealand, we could not get into class before next break time, if we are late for class. But that is not good way, recently teachers are not allowed to give a punishment with a stick to students, and I think the students do not change their behavior even though they take a punishment with a stick. In my case, I had an attitude of defiance, when I get a punishment with a stick from a teacher. Actually I was not a good student at that time. Staying out of classroom until next break time is also not a good way. Because students have to be given an opportunity to study even though they are late for class. According as the world has been developed, punishment need to be developed. Punishment with a stick is not accepted to students any more. I think this is better to approach staying in the classroom more twice time than how long they are late for example if I am late 5 minutes, I will stay in the classroom 10 minutes more, if I am late 10 minutes, I will stay in the class 20 minutes more after class time. If the students are children or young people, it can be worked, because children or young people want to get out of class as soon as finish lesson. Although if they have to stay in the class more after class, they will reconsider their behavior and have more time to study.

How will you help your students prepare for any lesson presentations that they may need to do throughout the school year.

I think explaining and giving some example about subject of presentation is good way to make the students success in the presentation. Also it is important to give advices and feedbacks.

In conclusion, getting a good handle on classroom management need an interaction between teacher and students through conversation and comprehension each other. To encourage active learning and student involvement in a group class, seats are arranged so that students can see each other as well as the teacher like circle or square shape. And also need some rules to be kept following and some punishments or penalties for the rules to keep concentration students in the class.