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Classroom Management

“Education is not a preparation for life. It is life itself.”

-John Dewey, Father of American Education-

Classroom management is considered to create a better teaching environment for both teacher and students. It is linked to issues of motivation, discipline and respect. It is also focused on how to deal with unexpected situation during the class. There are three problems will be faced in the classroom.

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

“English Only” policy will give the students a good opportunity to improve their English command. The best way to do is to use English as much as possible. The first time a teacher or staff hears a student speak other than English in the class, the student will be issued a 1st yellow warning card and recorded in the student’s file. The second time, the student will be issued a 2nd yellow warning card and also recorded in the student’s file. The third time, the student should be out of the class for the day and it is counted as an absence. And let his/her parents know. However, the purpose of the rule is not punishment but encouraging students to speak English actively and waiting for them to feel comfortable.

2.) How will you enforce frequent tardiness and frequent absences in the classroom?

When it comes to learning something new, the most important matter is attending the class regularly. Tardiness and absences have a negative effect in the class for both teacher and students. If a student were late in the class, he/she gets a warning card and three times of tardiness would equal one absence. Absence affect his/her grade with a 1% deduction as a penalty from his/her final grade each. Students have to make an effort to come on time. There are few exceptions which students need to give an advance notice to their teacher to this rule. I can use the rule dealing with tardiness and absences. Teachers have to be strict about the rule.

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

I also need to learn how to speak in front of people, preparing for presentations and performing them. Teachers do not need to help students on whole thing at the beginning, but needs to give them some hints to prepare for cue sheets scenarios for the presentation. After they prepared things for the presentation, the teacher demonstrates a sample presentation to them. They follow their teacher’s example and practice and rehearse it many times. Teachers also give advice to them that they need to speak loudly and keep a consistent speaking pace. After their presentation, teacher relays them feedback which will be helpful for their next presentation.

Teachers should explain and define appropriate behavior to students to instil a better learning environment. A rule is a promise between teacher and students. Implementing the rule with consideration leads to improve student behavior through responsible thinking, cooperation and respect. The goals of classroom management are to not only maintain the rule but to help students learn. So teacher needs to carry out using praise and rewards at the same time.