

Proactive Teaching and Management

PROACTIVE STRATEGIES THAT MAY ASSIST IN PREVENTING OCCURRENCES OF PROBLEM BEHAVIORS:
 CREATING AN INTERESTING CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT THAT IS INCLUSIVE AND CONDUCTIVE TO LEARNING

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Important Variables

- ▶ Time
Actual time devoted to instruction or learning activities daily (Direct instruction, group activities, independent).
- ▶ Time
Actual time that students are engaged or paying attention to instruction.

As educators, we attempt to improve school achievement

There are three interdependent functions that effective teachers implement:

1. Wise choices about instructional strategies are made.
2. Classroom curriculum is designed to facilitate learning.
3. Use classroom management techniques effectively.

Core Teacher Activities

- ▶ **Structure:** Organizational practices, routines, and procedures that create the atmosphere for daily activities and can be as simple as the way desks are arranged.
- ▶ **Instruction:** Engaging students in lessons (**dull lessons create boredom**). Boredom usually leads to distractions.
- ▶ **Discipline:** Approaches and strategies that teachers use to guide and promote constructive student behavior (Reacting to misbehavior and correcting it....This is not punishment but simply a reaction to misbehavior). Discipline is proactive and educational. Effective discipline teaches students how to manage their feelings, behave appropriately, and respect others' rights.

The Inspired teacher uses prevention to promote engagement

- ▶ The opposite of engagement is inattention and distraction.
- ▶ A wise teacher tries to promote student engagement by making lessons interesting from beginning to end as often as possible.
- ▶ With prior planning, a teacher can prepare lesson plans that grab the attention of students. Once a teacher gains the attention of an audience, he or she has a chance to keep students' attention for the entire lesson.

Reference: C. Steele (2009), Inspired Teacher: From Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

Questions?

- ▶ The following video presentations include applications and various creative tools for inclusion of ALL students in the classroom.
- ▶ Permission to use information, photos, and videos was granted by the students and personnel for educational purposes only.
- ▶ **Note:** Teachers should become familiar with assistive technology and understand how it can be incorporated within their teaching to support an inclusive learning environment.

Important site and program information

- ▶ Recommendations summarized in this presentation are only suggested for effective teaching of students with disabilities and applies equally to the teaching of nondisabled students.
- ▶ All students benefit from audible, clear, creative, and well organized lectures and lessons that are flexible and interesting to students regardless of the format.
- ▶ Note: The presenter has no connection to organizations sales.

Sites and Applications

- ▶ <http://audacityteam.org/>
- ▶ Audacity® is free, open source, cross-platform software for recording and editing sounds.
- ▶ <http://www.brainiaccamp.com/content/index.php>
- ▶ Math: Topics have a narrated lesson, virtual manipulative, question set, real world problem set, and challenge mode.
- ▶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nv1YKqnhTt8>
- ▶ 5 Must Have Educational Apps for iPad and iPhone

Sites and Applications

- ▶ <http://explaineverything.com/>
- ▶ Explain Everything is a unique interactive screen-casting whiteboard app being used by over 2 million students, teachers, leaders, and learners around the world. Engage and get inspired. Watch other people's explanations, videos, and projects made in Explain Everything and picked by Explain Everything staff.
- ▶ http://rubius.com/en/our_software/
- ▶ Creates top-quality, high-tech software solutions only and develops voice controlled in the IT industry.

Sites and Applications

- ▶ <http://www.thebeamz.com/>
- ▶ Beamz is an interactive music system that uses lasers to trigger musical instruments, sound effects, songs and more. It's an innovative tool for introductory music education and to combine a music making activities to make connections to other subjects.

Let's Get Creative!

- ▶ Brief History, Begin Videos
