**Classroom Management**

You can learn a little from victory; you can learn everything from defeat

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There is no doubt that the role of teachers in education includes many responsibilities. Teachers’ roles are not only to convey knowledge into students but also to get along with students and help them. As we know, there are a lot of unexpected situations and problems in the classrooms and it is not easy to solve the problem. This essay shall delve into some difficult situations to deal with classroom such as ‘English Only Policy’, ‘tardy and absent students’, and ‘encourage student for presentation’ and also suggest some ways forward.

To begin with, many schools and institutes have an ‘English only policy’ nowadays. However, it is hard to obey the regulation everyday for the students at the school. For this problem, several solutions are suggested to improve their motivations. Firstly, teachers should put on signboard in classrooms, lobbies, and even restrooms. Students can be awakening their sense of responsibilities and motivations in every place. For example, when I was attended an ESL course in Canada, the school had an English Only Policy. They put a lot of signboard in many places, whenever we watched them we tried to keep the regulation. Secondly, teachers should make some rules for penalties. For keeping the policy, some positive or negative penalties are needed. To illustrate, yellow card can be used by teachers, when student are exposed they have to write an essay for penalty. Moreover, I’ve heard about one case. If one infringes the rule once, a student is suspended from school for one day, two times violations for two days suspended, three times for one week. Finally, more than three times a student is suspended from school for an indefinite period. Someone might insist that these penalties are too strong. However, school officer said it was really effective and useful rule for students to improve their skills and enforce an English only policy. Therefore, the motivations of the students will be increased with signboards and some penalties

Secondly, there are some resolutions to lookup and impose on tardy and absent students. If some students have attendance problems, they might be feeling frustrated and have dissatisfaction with their school life and teachers. That is, the students want special needs from the teachers. In the first place, the teachers should empathize with students’ problems and provide encouragement with discipline. The teachers have to discipline with dignity and without stress. For instance, when the teachers treat their students with relaxed and friendly atmosphere, the students can participate actively in their class. In the second place, teachers should involve creating positive classroom community with mutual respect between teacher and student. Teachers should be punctual, treat students consistently and fairly, and try not to have personal feelings about individual students to gain respect from students, and also teachers try to respect their students. Thus, poor attendance students need the discipline without stress and respects from teachers.

Lastly, to help students’ assignments for their presentation, teachers should maximize interaction with students in the class. First, the teachers should increase opportunities for student talking time. Namely, the teachers lead the student to talk and ask more questions what they need. For example, when teachers want students to discuss something, they should ‘open’ questions rather than ‘closed’ questions. In this case, a student who is an introvert will have more chances to ask and obtain answers from the teachers. Second, the teacher should encourage interaction between students rather than only between student and teacher and teacher and student. When I attended a Business English course, there were a lot of presentations at the school. Of course, our teacher explained about basic principles and the ways of presentations. However, she gave us more chances to discuss with peers. It was helpful to me to prepare my presentations. Hence, to help students’ presentation, teachers should make more chances to interact with students.

In conclusion, it is inevitable to say that there are a lot of unexpected situations and problems in the classrooms and it is hard to solve these problems. I have just tried to show some of the problems and solutions involved. However, it is certain that teacher must prepare to create effective learning environment and to prevent students’ bad behaviors. As the name suggest, the primary function of teacher includes teaching a variety of facts and skills to students.

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