<The Classroom Management>

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“The great aim of education is not knowledge but action.”

-Herbert Spencer-

The classroom environment is defined by the way that teachers manage students in class. If the classroom is well managed by a teacher, students concentrate better on the lecture and they participate actively during class time. For this reason, it is crucial for teachers to use proper teaching methods in order to manage the classroom well. When it comes to the classroom management, I have experienced many different ways of managing class, so I was able to know what kind of classroom management is the best for students.

I strongly believe that using aggressive language, violence, and intolerance will result in furthering negative responses from misbehaved students. It is a personal belief that such actions will merely serve to progress negative actions and emotions within children, teenagers, and young adults, while offering only a temporary solution to the problem. When approaching students regarding behavioral issues, it is important to search for a practical solution and offer comprehensible explanation/guidance to the right and wrong.

During the implementation and enforcement of a school policy, the teacher must privately approach students showing frequent illicit behavior. I have personally experienced and witnessed the adverse effects of humiliation on scolding students in public, particularly in the presence of his or her fellow classmates and colleagues. On rare occasions, it was successful in eliminating the unwanted behavior, however for the most part having negative outcome in other areas of academics and school life. Hence, all instructors must do their best to respect the notion “praise in public and criticize in private” even when applying a strict “English Only” policy in their respective academic institutions.

When enforcing the “English Only” policy, the instructor must meet the student in private at the office and remind him or her on its importance, and how it serves the best interest of their academic and career goals. In addition, it is essential for teachers encourage students to speak English freely by providing comfortable classroom environment. Thus, it is important for teachers to let students know that it is fine to make mistakes while they are talking in English in class. Furthermore, it is better for teachers to correct the errors to all students at the same time rather than correcting the errors one by one.

Frequent tardiness and absences can be a result of academic, personal, and social issues ranging from problems at home to negligence. Prior to addressing these issues, it is crucial to listen to the student and their problems while avoiding interruption. In addition, teachers should make students to have the responsibility with all students. It is necessary to let them know that if one student is late, it will make all students be in trouble. For instance, the teacher brings a paper and colorful stamps to the first day of class and he/she makes a promise with students by saying “If all students attend the class, the student leader can affix a stamp to the paper. After a while, if the paper is full of stamps, all students are going to receive delicious candies.” Furthermore, it is the duty of the instructor to remind the student of the importance of their timely participation and presence in class, not limited to one misbehaved student but the class as a whole.

During student planning of lesson presentations throughout the year, students need their teacher’s guide for better understanding or preparing their presentations. If students have a difficulty of understanding of presentation, teachers can come up with the grouping method since the students are likely to have more in-depth understanding of a topic by interacting with others in a group. Simultaneously, the instructor must interactively discuss the presentation in person to guide them towards the correct direction and assert confidence.

In conclusion, teachers should know various methods of managing and controlling the classroom in order to run the class efficiently and effectively. In a personal opinion, it is important for teachers to use them as timely as possible when they teach students in class. Last but not least, no matter the circumstance, teachers must always show concern and interest for the success of their students.