

## THE VIRTUAL CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

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Classroom management is a difficult component of teaching. It is one of the most critical areas of professional development for teachers, as no amount of schooling can equip you to deal with dozens of children, each with their interpretation of what it means to be silent. Any senior teacher will tell you how important it is to create routines early in the year and stick to them throughout the year. Teaching, on the other hand, throws everything into disarray. Thankfully, all of the best practices you've learned or experienced don't vanish overnight. Norms and routines should still be established early in the year and followed consistently. Differentiated instruction should continue to be used. In truth, there are certain advantages to using online classroom management techniques. Holding debates on a computer, for example, makes it more difficult for a few students to dominate the discussion and may let all students have a voice (HMH Education, 2020). It's critical to establish explicit norms and expectations for student behavior, participation, the study process, and deadlines, among other things. Describe the reward scheme you'll employ. Make sure the regulations are presented in a good light. When the study process is well-established and procedures are predictable, students feel more secure and at ease. It is easier for students to follow the rules and engage in the learning process when they know what to expect (both when breaking the rules and making progress). You'll almost certainly have to deal with discipline issues, especially if you're tutoring groups or young pupils. Dealing with discipline issues as soon as they arise is the most excellent approach to retain the balance in your virtual classroom. It's a good idea to look at several ways for dealing with diverse scenarios, such as diversions, interruptions, and so on. Ensuring that every student participates in the session is one of the most crucial aspects of online tutoring in a virtual classroom. Encourage pupils to ask

and answer one other's questions. Include various teamwork assignments and divide the students into groups that will work in separate breakout rooms. You can shuffle the teams for future projects. It's a good idea to keep track of which kids are the most active in asking and responding to questions so that the quieter students might be encouraged to participate more. Encourage healthy competition and critical thinking (Vedamo, 2019).

Make sure you recognize your kids when they are engaged, productive, and learning well. It would be ideal if you took this into account in every course. Because they are not in a real classroom, online pupils will not receive a high-five from their teachers. It's critical to use all available communication channels to let your kids know they're on the right track. Always keep in mind that positive reinforcement leads to increased engagement. A well-managed online environment requires a higher level of engagement in a virtual classroom. To ensure optimal learning, it is critical to creating the appropriate virtual classroom environment. Despite the problems posed by the pandemic, learning should not be put on hold. The learning experience will be more exciting and productive with the help of these strategies for creating a successful online learning environment (TeachThought Staff, 2021).

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