

IMPOSING DISCIPLINE IN THE CLASSROOM

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Maintaining a well-behaved class is actually a big challenge that teachers are facing nowadays. As classroom managers, teachers are tasked to develop and keep an orderly class, while attaining the goals in learning. With the rise of social media and the latest trends, it has become thought-provoking how to have an orderly and peaceful setting.

Another task that is expected for the school to perform is to hone the holistic growth of learners. Having said that, learners are expected to be trained not just as highly intelligent individuals but also as morally upright people. It however starts with the small thing- the four corners of the classroom.

Here are some suggested ways to impose discipline in the classroom.

1. Establish school rules and regulations.

Any student enrolled in a school is expected to adhere to the guidelines. Starting as early as the first day of class, rules must be presented to the class. The students must learn to abide by them.

2. Maintain consistency.

Rules and regulations imposed from Day one should be carried out until the last day. Be firm and consistent in imposing these rules so students know that it is a MUST to obey the rules.

3. Be fair.

Reiterate that one rule applies to all. Nobody is exempted.

4. Establish authority.

Imply that school is like the house. If at home, parents are the approving authority, in school, the teachers are the person in authority. The class also needs to know their limits and boundaries.

5. Develop mutual respect.

While we establish that teachers must be respected, we must also learn how to respect them as individuals. Then, we must also help them treat their classmates with respect. This is the key to maintaining a harmonious relationship.

6. Understand that our class is a work in progress.

You cannot change their behaviors at once. It takes time, patience and understanding. By being consistent and firm, gradually, their behaviors will improve.

7. Be a good example.

Our learners learn from us, not only from our words but also from our actions. So we say that tardiness is a no-no? Then come on time. We ask them to speak gently. Show them how it is done.

Discipline in the classroom can be maintained but we have to work well on it.

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