DEALING WITH DIFFICULT STUDENTS

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In my sixteen (16) years of teaching, I encountered different kinds of students. Some are quiet. Some are noisy. Some are diligent. Some are rude. There are stubborn and hard-headed. Few are disciplined (quite alarming though). A batch is different from other batches. The more they engage themselves with modernization the more they get lazy in their studies.

One challenging task of a teacher is to deal with difficult students, difficult in a sense that they habitually in trouble or are making trouble.

For us teachers, who are in service for many years, can manage the students well based on our teaching experiences but how about the newly-hired teachers? It may be hard for them to deal with difficult students. I keep on searching on ways to deal with such students. I end up with an article entitled Classroom Management: 10 Ways to Deal with Difficult Students by Methods and Management for Middle School.

These are the suggested ways to deal with difficult students:

1. Stay contact with parents. This is I think the most effective way since the parents need to know more about their children’s behavior inside the classroom.

2. Use proximity to limit negative actions. Place the difficult student near you to avoid him/her in doing bad things.

3. Have defined student expectations. Use the same steps to get the student on task.

4. Choose the best time to discipline. Talk to the problem student in private.

5. Try to empathize with the student. Try to find out what is really going on.
6. Build on common ground. Relate to the student in any that you can. You may ask about his/her interest.

7. Utilize your teaching colleagues. Talk to your colleagues. Has anyone been able to reach this student? If so, set up a meeting with the student and the teacher.

8. Make class work a non-issue. This may be hard but it can work on a relationship…work the work later.

9. Try the peer tutor technique. Look for a student who is good in one subject and may be weak with other subject and let the two teach each other in the subject area which they know well.

10. Never GIVE UP. Forget negative ideas. It won’t help you. Try everything to reach that student.

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