ESTABLISHING CLASSROOM RULES

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Classroom rules are crucial to maintain effective classroom management. As a teacher, there are many various situations that require classroom management to address problems or issues, or better, to prevent them from happening.

It is important to establish classroom rules starting on the very first day of school. How do we establish classroom rules? You can do this with your students so that everyone will feel responsible for every rule agreed upon. When they are involved, they realize that they are also accountable in following and keeping the stipulated rules because they took part in creating them.

While creating the rules, the teacher will act as the facilitator to come up with clear set rules. Baer in mind that it is vital to be consistent and fair. Encourage the students to actively participate in the session. Allow them to ask questions. Help them weigh the pros and cons of every rule they came up with.

Once the rules are established, write them down and hang them in conspicuous place where everyone, even the subject teachers may see it. Also, make printed copies of the rules to be distributed to the students. Ask them to sign the agreement. This can help in giving emphasis to the seriousness and importance of the rules. This can establish in them the belief and cruciality of the rules they themselves agreed upon.

It will also be helpful if substitute teachers and subject teachers know the “house rules” because this will aid in the consistency of implementation. Consistency is vital so that students do not only become aware of the rules but it will be part and parcel of their student life.
Rules are made to put order and prevent chaos. However, at the end of the day, having the caring heart for the students is a great anchor and guide in helping them becoming more responsible and humane individuals.

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