HANDLING STUDENTS WITH BEHAVIORAL CHALLENGES

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Student concerns come in all forms, and may be made even more difficult due to a wide variety of behaviors. While it’s impossible to create neat little categories that adequately describe the full range of problems encountered at school, a good starting point may be to classify the behaviors as annoying, disruptive, or dangerous. Each requires a different type of response based on the context of the behavior (Bart, 2012).

According to Eulberg, (2019), there are six (6) Tips for Skillfully Managing Extreme Student Behaviors; get to the root of the matter, reach out to colleagues for support, remember to remain calm, have a plan and stick to it, involve administration when necessary and document all the behavior of the students in past weeks or month. These skillful management schemes are very useful to achieve successful results.

Holland (2019), states that teaching should not be treated as a popular contest, but there will always be value in getting to know your students on a personal level. Here are some approaches to building relationships with your students in order to gain their support, increase engagement, and minimize disruptions in the classroom.

Listen to your students. Be open to receiving feedback in class so that they feel they have some sort of influence on their learning experience.

Develop a genuine curiosity about their interests and what's on their minds. Find parallels in your own life to bridge the conversation.

Identify their strengths and weaknesses as quickly as possible.
It is never easy to handle students but if carefully and successfully done reaps rewards manifold. The teacher has to become a rubber band to be able to stretch utmost patience and exert enormous efforts to ensure that quality education is attained. It might be too difficult to achieve but knowing the result in the end makes the sacrifices all worth it.

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