HOW TO DEAL WITH MISBEHAVED PUPILS

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Children nowadays are hard to get along with. Most often, some of the teachers have the problem regarding classroom management.

Based on my experience, these are the factors that may affect the behavior of pupils:

1. inattentiveness;
2. lack of interest;
3. poor study habits;
4. learning environment; and
5. family problem.

Therefore, it is the role of the teacher to handle or if not to prevent these behavioral problems of pupils.

To deal with these effectively, the teacher should:

1. Talk to the misbehaved pupils
   Show the children that you are listening by talking to them eye to eye. Show your sympathy and sincerity to help them.

2. Befriend the pupils
   Make them feel that you are a friend to them and they will likely open up their problems.
3. Know the problem of the pupils
   Ask the children why they behaved differently. Identify the problem. If the problem is minimal solved it with the help of the teacher. If the problem needs parents’ help and guidance, call their attention and discuss the problem.

4. Show your love and concern
   Make them feel that you care for them no matter what.

5. Make the pupils feel that you believe in their talents and abilities
   Show that you have trust and confidence in every task assigned to them. Provide activities where they can show their talents and skills.

6. Divert the pupils’ attention
   Maybe one of the causes of misbehavior is that they want to get attention. Assign one of the pupils to be the class leader if you can see potential in him/her. Assign him/her a task to do.

7. Help the pupils set a goal
   Convince them to dream high and to step forward. Having a dream inspires and motivates a person to behave well and study harder.

8. Explain the importance of education
   Convince the children to study well, to be attentive and cooperative in the class activities in order to get high grades. Let the child see and feel the advantage of finishing education.
9. Conduct home visitation

The teacher should give importance to home visitation so they would deeply understand the children’s situation. It could be the children’s home or the children’s community and environment that affect their behavior.