

Boundaries Mindset For School Teachers

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Okay you guessed it, there is not much different for a teacher in a classroom than a parent at home.

You need to be firm with your students and absolutely refuse any unacceptable behaviour. Late for class, not completing homework, not attending, all of that is completely ridiculous and it is a disaster that our society and culture in public schools has permitted this to get that far.

There are a couple of changes you can make for your classroom that I would like you to remember.

1. To express love to students imply it with your body language, facial expressions, and tone of voice.
 - a. Too risky these days to actually have physical contact with students, as stupid as that it is it is reality.
2. Good examples of deal breakers in a classroom:
 - a. Coming in after the bell. I know entire institutions that make it mandatory to be sitting down by the time the bell rings. Expulsion after 3 strikes.
 - b. Handing in homework on time.
 - c. Swearing or using the cell phone to send text messages.
 - d. Disrupting the class.
 - e. Sloppy handwriting that is illegible.
 - f. Pushing or shoving or minor acts of violence.

Call to action:

1. Follow the exact same action plan on the newsletter.
2. Warm you students up to some changes.
3. Secure the authority and support from your administrators.
4. Then start a new day with dropping your 6 deal breakers on the table with your students. Get them to sign it, post it on the wall.
5. Get your boxing gloves on, they are going to test it.

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I have worked with entire staff at schools to implement this before. It is especially useful when you can't convince administrators or fellow teachers who are stuck in "complacency land".

If you would like me to set your co-workers straight, and enlighten your administration, and wow your students,

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