Classroom management

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Agenda

- What is classroom management?
- Remember When...?
- Changing Climate of Education
- How Do People Learn?
- Active vs. Passive Learning
- 7 Keys to Better Classroom Management
- The Real Focus
- Q & A
What is classroom management?

- Use of procedures and techniques that promote safe, efficient learning environment.
- Behavioral expectations
- Class expectations
- Social expectations
Remember When...
Changing Climate of Education

- Shrinking pool of traditional students
- Many choices in where and how they will receive education
- Political pressures
- Misalignment leads to more regulation and change
- Technology
How Do people Learn?

Learning Pyramid

- Lecture: 10%
- Reading: 20%
- Audiovisual: 30%
- Demonstration: 50%
- Discussion: 75%
- Practice doing: 90%
- Teach others: 90%

Source: National Training Laboratories, Bethel, Maine
Two schools of Thought

BEULLER? BEULLER?
ANYONE? ANYONE?
Active vs Passive Learning

Passive Learning
- Students sit and receive information to internalize
- Control by instructor
- Structured
- Empty vessel approach
- Students can be reticent about asking for better understanding
- Ex: Sermons, lectures

Active Learning
- Actively involves student participation
- Encourages critical thinking
- Deepens comprehension levels
- Student concentration
- Higher-order thinking
- Ex: group, Tech based activity
7 Keys to Better Classroom Management
Key #1: Arm Thyself

- Catalog
- College Policies and procedures
- Accreditation standards
- AST Recommended Standards
- Syllabi - powerful management tool
- Addendum
- Know your audience
What do they need to succeed?
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- **Attitudes** - growth of character, soft skills
- **Skills** - cultivation of hands on demonstration
- **Knowledge** - acquisition of theory
- **Competency** - Demonstrated behaviors
Attitude + Skill = Commitment
Skill + Knowledge = Process
Knowledge + Attitude = Purpose
Attitude + Skill + Knowledge = Competency

Attitude + Skill + Commitment + Knowledge + Purpose + Competency = ABILITY to Succeed
Key # 2: Setting the tone

- Layout /appearance of the room
- Your appearance
- Greet your students or running in disheveled?
- Create a safe environment
- Room temperature
- For online – esthetics of your virtual classroom
Key # 3: Setting the expectations

- The power of day 1
- Clear and concise
- Limit negative actions in a positive manner
- Content expert- manager of the room stay in charge
Key # 4 Effective Communication

- Silence is not golden
- One of the most important key elements of classroom management
- Students are not children, patients, or clients
- Build on common ground
- Body language – theirs
- Online – create a bond through a virtual format
Key # 4 Effective Communication

- Body language- yours
- “teacher look” more powerful than a raised voice
- Avoid sarcasm
- Use proximity to communicate
- Use their names
- If you are running a real world scenario- let the students know before hand
Key # 5: Consistency

- Holding accountability them
- Timing regarding discipline
- You- organized?
- On time? You?
- Enforce rules in a consistent manner
- If it wasn’t documented……
- Students who monopolize the class
Key # 6: Instructional technique

- Power in how you start class
- Are you engaging your audience?
- Use varying teaching methods
- Are you killing them with death by power point?
- Do you have meaningful activities embedded?
Key # 6: Instructional technique

- 1 free pass?
- Integrate team learning
- Guest Speakers?
- Field Trips?
- KEEP THEM BUSY!
Key # 7: Partner up!

- Utilize your people resources
- Meet with students one at a time - don’t take on negative groups
- Open resistance
- Document
- Get a mentor
The REAL Focus

- It’s not about us
- Taking it too personally
- Bigger picture
- Personal problems need to stay out of the classroom
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