

Disruption, Defiance, Disrespect... OH MY!

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Stand up if...

I can't wait to watch my next scary movie
Winter is the best season
I've been in education for...

- less than five years
 - 5-10 years
 - 11-15 years
 - 16-25 years
- 26 years or more Cilantro...yuck!
 Total dog person Cats rule

Wordle is more important than working out
I need strategies for students in my room
I need strategies for students in the gen ed setting





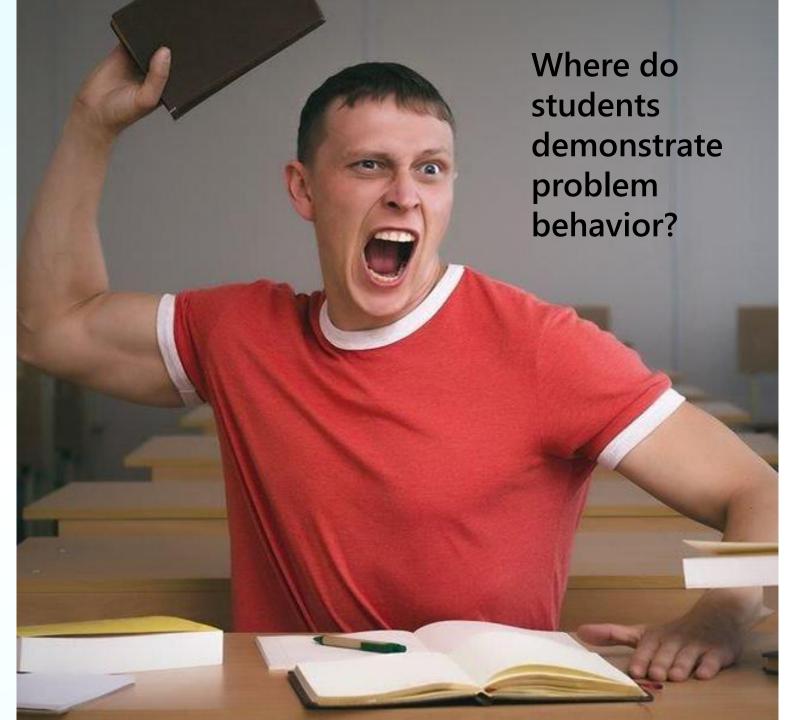




Agenda

5 Strategies for classroom 1. management.
2. Reflection
3. Disruption
4. Defiance
5 Disrespect

EXPECTATION	BEHAVIOR
Be Responsible	 Make yourself comfortable Take care of your needs (water, food, restroom, etc.) Share your questions with the group
Be Respectful	 Turn cell phones off or to "vibrate" Listen to others attentively by staying quiet while they are speaking Follow up, and complete assigned tasks
Be Engaged	 Ask what you need to know to understand and contribute Contribute to the team by sharing relevant information and ideas

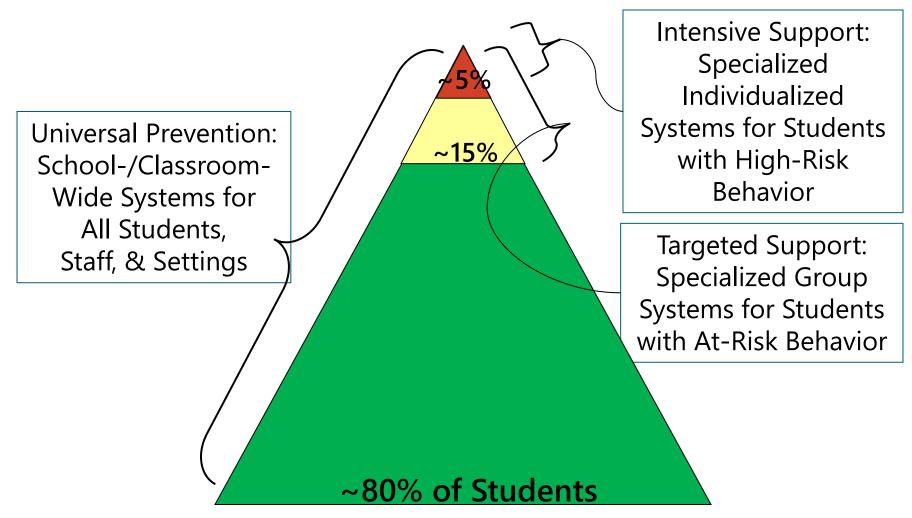


Anywhere. Students who are served in both the general education and special education settings can display problematic behavior in both places.

This is not just a special education issue. It is an education issue and students need support in all settings.

We need to learn more about the 5 critical features of evidence-based classroom management to be able to help students better manage their behavior.

Continuum of School-Wide Instructional and Positive Behavior Support



OSEP Center on Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports; http://www.pbis.org



5 Strategies for Effective Classroom Management

- 1. Maximize structure in your classroom.
- 2. Post, teach, review, monitor, and reinforce a small number of positively stated expectations.
- 3. Actively engage students in observable ways.
- 4. Establish a continuum of strategies to acknowledge appropriate behavior.
- 5. Establish a continuum of strategies to respond to inappropriate behavior.

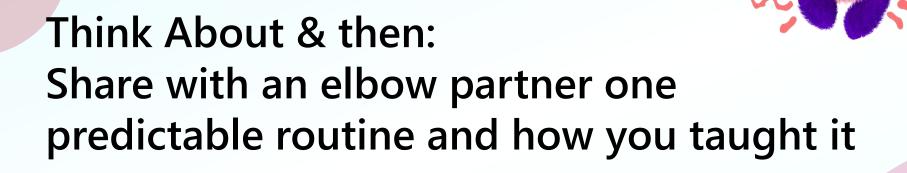
(Simonsen, Fairbanks, Briesch, Myers, & Sugai, in press)

1. Maximize structure in the classroom.

Develop Predictable Routines:

- **Teacher routines**: volunteers, communications, movement, planning, grading, etc.
- **Student routines**: personal needs, transitions, working in groups, independent work, instruction, getting materials, homework, arriving late, etc.

- Design environment to (a) elicit appropriate behavior and (b) minimize crowding and distraction:
 - Arrange furniture to allow easy traffic flow.
 - Ensure adequate **supervision** of all areas.
 - Designate staff & student **areas**.
 - Seating arrangements (groups, partners, etc.)



1) I maximize structure and predictability in classroom.	my
a) I explicitly teach and follow predictable routines .	Yes No
a) I arrange my room to minimize crowding and distraction.	Yes No

Post, Teach, Review, Monitor, and Reinforce a small number of positively stated expectations.

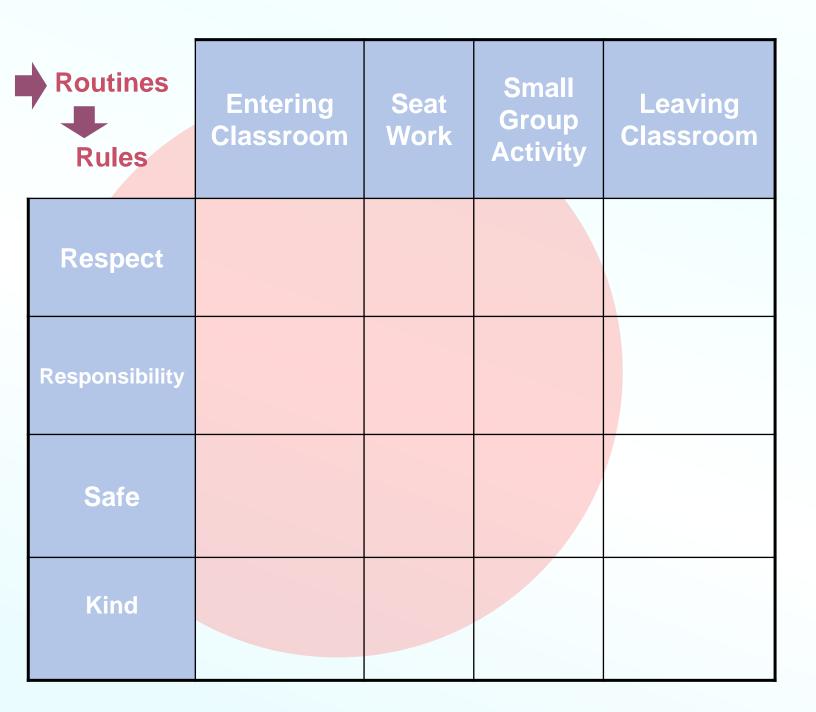
- *a) Establish* behavioral expectations/rules.
- **b) Teach** rules in context of routines.
- c) **Prompt** or remind students of rule prior to entering natural context.

- d) Monitor students' behavior in natural context & provide specific feedback.
- e) Evaluate effect of instruction review data, make decisions, & follow up.

a) Establish behavioral expectations/rules

- 1. 3-5
- 2. Positively stated
- 3. What you want them to do
- 4. Posted in obvious locations





Rules within Routines Matrix

a) *Establish* behavioral expectations/rules

b) Teach rules in the Context of Routines

- Teach expectations directly.
 - Define rule in operational terms:
 tell students what the rule looks like within routine.
 - Provide students with examples and non-examples of rule-following within routine.
- Actively involve students in lesson:
 game, role-play, etc. to check for their understanding.
- Provide opportunities to practice rule following behavior in the natural setting.

Expectations & behavioral skills are taught & recognized in natural context









c) Prompt or remind students of the rule

Provide students with **visual prompts** (e.g., posters, illustrations, etc).

Use **pre-corrections**, which include "verbal reminders, behavioral rehearsals, or demonstrations of rule-following or socially appropriate behaviors that are presented in or before settings were problem behavior is likely" (Colvin, Sugai, Good, Lee, 1997).

d) Monitor student's behavior in natural context

- Active Supervision (Colvin, Sugai, Good, Lee, 1997):
 - Move around
 - Look around (Scan)
 - **Interact** with students
- Provide reinforcement and specific praise to students who are following rules.
- Catch errors early and provide specific, corrective feedback to students who are not following rules. (Think about how you would correct an academic error.)



e) Evaluate effect of instruction: review data, make decisions, & follow up.



- Correct behavior errors quickly, privately, consistently and calmly.
- Collect data
 - Are rules being followed?
 - If there are errors,
 - who is making them?
 - where are the errors occurring?
 - what kind of errors are being made?
- Summarize data (look for patterns)
- Use data to make decisions

Think about... What do you do well? What's one step you could get better at?

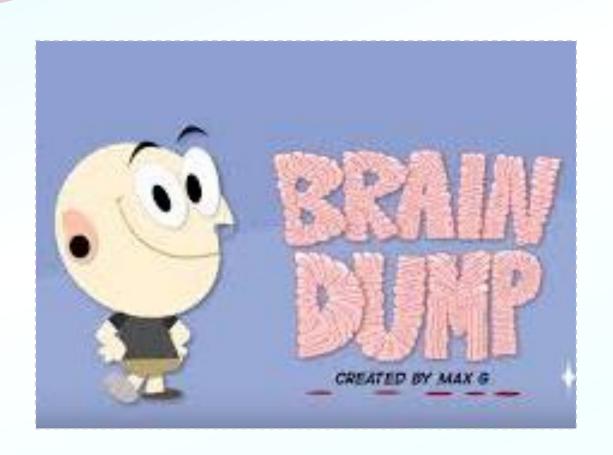
2) I post, teach, review, monitor, and reinforce a small number of stated expectations .	positivel	У
a) I operationally define and post a small number of expectations (i.e., school wide rules) for all routines and settings in my classroom.	Yes	No
b) I explicitly teach and review these expectations in the context of routine.	s. Yes	No
c) I prompt or pre-correct students to increase the likelihood that they will follow the expectations.	Yes	No
d) I actively supervise my students.	Yes	No

3. Actively engage students in observable ways.

- Provide high rates of opportunities to respond
 - Vary individual v. group responding
 - Increase participatory instruction (enthusiasm, laughter)
- Consider various observable ways to engage students
 - Written responses
 - Writing on individual white boards
 - Choral responding
 - Gestures
 - Other: _____
- Link engagement with outcome objectives



What Opportunities to Respond (OTRs) do you use?



- 1) In one minute, write down all the OTRs you use
- 2) Compare your list with your neighbor
- 3) We'll go around the room with each person sharing one idea until we have heard them all

Opportunities to Respond (OTRs)

Oral Responding

- Choral
- Think, pair share
- Partner responses

Unison Responding

- Choral
- White boards
- Response cards

Team Responding

- Numbered heads together
- Jigsaw
- Small group

Written Responses

- Response cards
- White boards
- Think, pair, share
- Pair and write
- Ticket in/out the door Facial expressions
- Computer programs such as Kahoot, **Padlet**

Action Responses

- Touching, pointing
- Gestures
- Acting out
- Hand signals

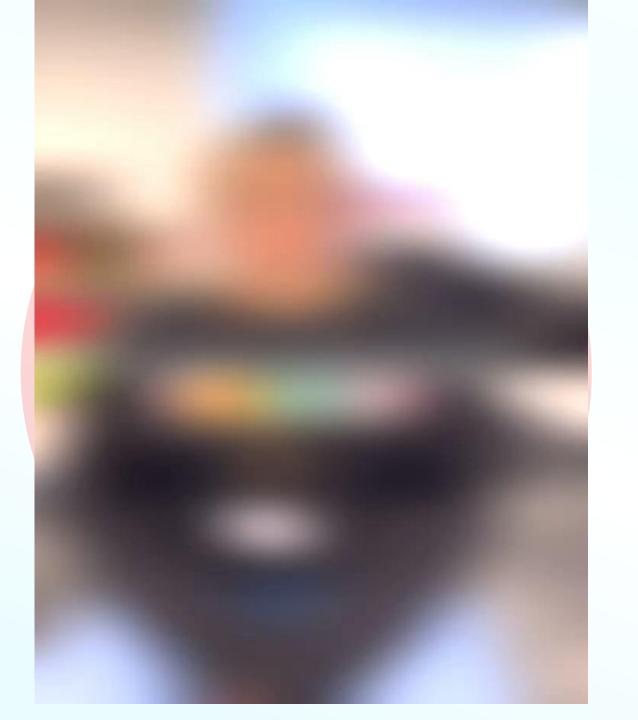
Think about...

3) I actively engage students in observable ways.	
a) I provide a high rate of opportunities to respond during my instruction.	Yes No
b) I engage my students in observable ways during teacher directed instruction (i.e., I use response cards, choral responding, and other methods).	Yes No
c) I heard a new idea today I would like to try.	Yes No

4. Establish a continuum of strategies to acknowledge appropriate behavior.



- a) Behavior Specific Praise
- b) Group Contingencies
- c) Daily Point Cards
- d) Behavior Contracts



General Praise vs Behavior Specific Praise

Think about...

I use a continuum of strategies to acknowledge appropriate behavior .		
a) I provide specific and contingent praise for academic and social behaviors (e.g., following expectations).	Yes	No
b) I also use other systems to acknowledge appropriate behavior (group contingencies, behavior contracts, or token economies).	Yes	No

5. Establish a continuum of strategies to respond to inappropriate behavior

- Error Corrections
- Signal/Non-Verbal Cue
- Planned Ignoring
- Physical Proximity
- Direct Eye Contact
- Praise the appropriate Behavior in Others
- Redirect
- Reteach
- Specific Error Correction
- Provide Choice





Think about...

5) I use a continuum of strategies to respond to inappropriate behavior		
a) I provide specific, contingent, and brief error corrections for academic and social errors.	Yes No	
b) In addition, I use the least restrictive procedure to discourage inappropriate behavior (differential reinforcement, planned ignoring, response cost, time out)	Yes No	

Recap: 5 Evidencebased Practices in Classroom Management

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Talk to an elbow partner...



What were your strength areas?

What area would you like to strengthen?

What is ONE thing you will do differently this year?

Disruption, Defiance, Disrespect



How would you describe disruption, defiance, and disrespect?

Share your list with your elbow partner(s).

Add any to your list you don't have.



Disruption

Definition:

Behaviors that distract the teacher and/or students from the instruction.

Keys to Addressing Disruptive Behavior

1. Recognize and respond quickly to student agitation.

2. Redirect:

• Clearly state the expected task.

3. Communicate concern:

- Present options.
- Allow space; do not hover.
- Assist student to begin work.

- 4. Attend to other students and prepare for the worst.
- 5. Acknowledge compliance or institute standard consequence in neutral manner.

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Defiance

Definition:

Behaviors that are clearly off task or in defiance of state rules and expectations.

Keys to Addressing Noncompliance and Defiance

- 1. Teach what student is to do and be clear about what the student is to do:
 - Provide reminders, especially at times where noncompliance is predictable.
- 2. Have a standard consequence (or sequence) and teach it.
- 3. Acknowledge the students who are on task/complying.

- 4. Speak to student quietly rather than in front of entire group.
- 5. Provide a single specific direction:
 - Stay with the direction-broken record.
- 6. Acknowledge student cooperation or follow through with consequence.
- 7. Continue to acknowledge other on-task students.

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Disrespect

Definition:

A lack of respect toward others.

Keys to Addressing Disrespectful Behavior

- Acknowledge on-task students.
- Indicate follow-up to the disrespectful student:
 - Do not overreact.
 - Do not get angry or frustrated.
 - Do not allow disrespect to distract from lesson.

- 3. Continue with instruction.
- 4. If it continues, assign class a task and talk to student individually:
 - Do not allow student to get peer attention by confronting in front of class.
 - Have a standard consequence and follow through in a calm manner.

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Stand up and talk to someone you haven't talked to today



How can teachers increase the chances that their students will behave appropriately?

How can general education teachers increase the chances that their students with behavioral difficulties will behave appropriately?

What conversations need to happen? What could be included on an IEP?

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