

CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

(Behavior, Discipline, Engagement)



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1. **Establish Clear Rules from Day One** – Involve students in setting them
2. **Be Consistent with Consequences** – Fair and predictable enforcement builds trust
3. **Use Positive Reinforcement** – Praise, rewards, or privileges for good behaviour
4. **Apply the “Proximity Effect”** – Move around the room to manage behaviour subtly
5. **Develop Non-Verbal Signals** – Use hand gestures, eye contact, or claps to refocus attention
6. **Use a Clear and Calm Voice** – Avoid yelling; tone can de-escalate issues
7. **Practice “Withitness”** – Stay aware of everything happening in the room
8. **Design Routines for Everything** – Entry, exit, transitions, materials handling
9. **Build Relationships** – Learn about your students and show empathy
10. **Model Respectful Behaviour** – What you do teaches more than what you say
11. **Set Behaviour Expectations for Group Work** – Define roles and collaboration norms
12. **Use Time Limits Effectively** – Keep students focused and accountable
13. **Incorporate Brain Breaks** – Short activities to reset energy and focus
14. **Apply the “Least Invasive” Intervention First** – Gentle cues before stronger action
15. **Document Behaviour Patterns** – Helps with parent communication and interventions
16. **Use Restorative Practices** – Promote reflection and reconciliation over punishment
17. **Teach Self-Regulation Techniques** – Breathing, counting, journaling for emotional control
18. **Incorporate Student Voice** – Let students help create behaviour contracts
19. **Create a Class Mission Statement** – Shared values can guide behaviour

- 20. **Use Class Jobs** – Builds responsibility and ownership
- 21. **Avoid Power Struggles** – Stay calm and redirect rather than escalate
- 22. **Implement “Think Sheets”** – Let students reflect on behaviour privately
- 23. **Use Humour Appropriately** – Builds connection and eases tension
- 24. **Have a Calm-Down Area** – A quiet space for emotional reset
- 25. **Hold Regular Class Meetings** – Discuss issues, celebrate progress, and build community