**5 Tips for Better Classroom Management**

## As any experienced teacher knows, there is more to managing a classroom than simply standing in front of students and telling them what they will be learning on that particular day. You probably know that good classroom management starts with organization and communication. These five crucial tips can help you organize and manage your classroom more efficiently and effectively

## . **1. Establish clear expectations**

At the beginning of the year, establish a set of classroom rules and norms. When this is outlined clearly, standards are set and students know how they should behave during the school day.

**2. Create an organized place to learn**

The first step toward a well-managed classroom is having an organized place for students to learn. An organized classroom helps students develop a routine, which ultimately can make them more successful throughout the school year. At the end of each year, evaluate how your organizational system worked and make adjustments for the next school year.

**3. Plan each lesson with *your* students in mind**

Lesson plans should be designed to accommodate a variety of different learning styles. The same lesson or unit you carefully planned and successfully executed with one class won’t necessarily work in the same way with another. Tailor your plans to fit your students’ needs and interests.

**4. Find opportunities to advance and improve your practice**

Participate in professional development opportunities and professional learning groups to continue to grow as an educator. These groups allow you to share ideas, strategies, and techniques and keep you up on all the latest in the educational world.

**5. Communicate clearly and regularly**

Effective communication is essential to keeping a classroom functioning. Frequent conversations and meetings should occur with other teachers, as well as with school administrators. Communicate regularly with parents in order to be sure educational goals are being met at home. This also helps you better understand your students’ backgrounds and struggles so that you can find opportunities to connect with them in meaningful ways and support them as individuals.

* [Building Parent-Teacher Relationships](http://www.readingrockets.org/article/building-parent-teacher-relationships)
* [Engaging families in Social-Emotional Learning](https://resilienteducator.com/blog/leaders-link/social-emotional-learning-families/)
* [Parent Communication Toolbox](https://www.edutopia.org/blog/parent-communication-toolbox-gwen-pescatore)
* [School Leaders: Tips for Improving Effective Communication](https://resilienteducator.com/blog/curriculum-teaching-strategies/effective-school-communication/)
* [The 6 Phases of a Difficult Conversation: A Strategy Guide for Teachers](https://resilienteducator.com/blog/classroom-resources/teachers-difficult-conversations-6-phases/)
* [The Key to Effective Teams in Schools: Emotional Intelligence](https://www.edutopia.org/blog/key-effective-teams-schools-emotional-intelligence-elena-aguilar)
* [Why Teachers Need to Write a Summer Letter to Their Incoming Students](https://resilienteducator.com/blog/curriculum-teaching-strategies/why-teachers-need-to-write-a-summer-letter-to-their-incoming-students/)

Managing a well-run classroom is not an easy task but it’s a worthwhile endeavor. It will help you create a positive classroom culture with engaged students who are invested in their learning and improving in measurable ways. You’ll be more excited to get to work if you set and communicate clear goals for yourself and your students.  And, every step you take to improve and advance will benefit each student who walks through your door.

