CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT TIPS

• Develop a set of written expectations you can live with and enforce. Put those expectations in your syllabi.

• The best offense is a good defense. Prevention is a key ingredient in classroom management…don’t ignore bad behavior.

• Discipline individual students quietly and privately. Never engage in a disciplinary conversation across the room. Be clear and direct…Consider using fewer words…Maintain self-control.

• Remain calm: “calm is contagious,” and “silence is powerful.”

• Use the broken record technique.

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• Condemn the behavior, not the individual…Do not take it personally.
• Use diffusers! Simple one or two word response (e.g., “I’m sorry…,” “I understand…,” “Probably so…” “Nevertheless…”). They should be delivered matter-of-factly, without skipping a beat in your instruction.
• Be patient with yourself and with your students.
• Know when to ask for help.
• Wait: model cognition.
• Control your communication and body language.
• Make sure the individual has a voice in the interaction.

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