

Behavior Savers

Tip #10 Ignore the Behavior NOT the Student



How to Ignore the Top 10 Classroom Misbehaviors

Behavior	Instead of:	Do This:
Whining →	“Stop Whining!”	“I’d love to hear your concern. Please say it in a way I can hear.”
Inattention	“Pay Attention” →	“Do you need a break?”
Talking Back →	Arguing back	“I can tell you have some concerns. Would you like to write them or talk about them at the end of class?”
Shouting Out	“I will call on you when you raise your hand” →	Raise your hand to model for them to raise their hand
Making Noises →	“Stop”	Pay attention to positive behaviors of peers.
Sleeping	Trying to wake them up →	Redirect the student to the task.
Yelling →	“Quiet Voice”	Lower your voice when speaking with the student.
Complaining	“That’s not True.” →	Give the student leadership opportunities
Lying →	Challenging the Truth	“I really want to hear your side. Please think about what you want to say and I will be back”
Stealing	Forcing the Student to Admit to It →	Have them decide how to make it right.