

Innovation Area

Classroom Management

**Ideas contributed by members of the
West Humboldt Park Learning Community
A Chicago Anneberg Challenge Initiative**

Challenge:

Improve discipline and school pride.

Idea:

Feature “Students of the Month” in the lunchroom.

Application:

Provide the structure for the teachers.

How to connect teachers with this idea:

Discuss and introduce at a PPAC Meeting.

Challenge:

Respect. Potential problems are increased due to perception of “disrespect”.

Idea:

At beginning of school, explain why respect is very important. Have students say *excuse me, thank you, I am sorry, I apologize* to cut down on potential problems due to student feelings of disrespect.

Application:

Say *thank you, please, excuse me* daily for every request that you make.

How to connect teachers with this idea:

Invite other teachers to share and see if it works in their classrooms.

Contributing Educator

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Challenge:

Excessive talking that is not related to the focus area.

Idea:

Moment of silence.

Application:

Take time-out for a moment of silence. What did we hear that was related to the focus of the day? Record your thoughts!

How to connect teachers with this idea:

Cluster meetings and sharing!

Contributing Educator

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Challenge:

Increase self-discipline

Idea:

Students submit ways to improve self-discipline, and students vote on rules in order of priority.

Application:

Post the students' priorities.

How to connect teachers with this idea:

Cluster meetings by grade level or subject area.

Challenge:

Give teachers more ways of documenting student behaviors.

Idea:

Give teachers a check-list for documenting student behaviors, positive and problematic, and for relating the information to parents.

Application:

Use the material myself.

How to connect teachers with this idea:

In-service the staff on the use and documentation.

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