Rudolf Dreikurs Inspiring Classroom Behavior Strategies

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• Rudolf Dreikurs was a professor who inspired teachers to a new democratic way of teaching in the classroom
Introductory Activity

Discussion Question: Think of a time a teacher punished you....was it fair or not fair?
Professional Background

- Dreikurs 1897-1972
- Professional psychiatrist Adler was Dreikurs professor
- Dreikurs and Adler became colleagues
- Founded the Adler's school of Professional Psychology
Fundamental Principles

- The “Four Mistaken Goals”
  - Attention
  - Power
  - Revenge
  - Avoidance of failure

- Misbehavior can be avoided
Key Terms

- Adler
- Social Settings
- Misbehavior
- Punishment
More Vocabulary

- Natural vs. Logical
- Autocratic
- Permissive
- Democratic
Vocabulary Explained

- Children behave differently in various social settings

- Student Misbehavior occurs when a child does not feel significant and valued

- Students associate punishment with the punisher
Vocabulary Explained

- Autocratic teachers force their will on students in order to control the class.
- Permissive teachers fail to learn that living in society requires them to follow rules.
- Democratic teachers provide guidance by establishing rules and consequences.
Vocabulary Explained

- Teachers must differentiate between **Natural vs. Logical** consequences when reacting to a situation.
Essential Elements

Misbehavior can be prevented by paying attention to individual students needs
Essential Elements

- Teachers assume they are helping students by criticizing them.
- Review child behavior and help them succeed.
Strengths of Dreikurs Model

- More time on task, less punishment
- Make the punishments understandable to students
- Traditional punishments
More Strengths

- Give students warnings
- Students and teachers need one-on-one time
- Positive reinforcement
Shortcomings of Dreikurs Model

- Students can feel discouraged if punishment theory is not followed through.
- Support of the group toward the misbehaved child will encourage them to keep on misbehaving.
Review Game Time!
Dreikurs Model Put to Work

- Teachers and students must communicate with one another
- Display student work
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Teacher Responsibility

- Learn how to accept student opinion
- Have a democratic way of teaching
- Positive reinforcement
More Teacher Responsibility

- Examine student behavior patterns
- Teachers must make students feel comfortable and valued
- Teachers get passionate about learning
Student Expectations

- Students must treat others the way they want to be treated
- Follow directions and classroom rules
- Show respect for others and school property
- Students must try to do their best work
Teachers Must Apply Concepts

- Interested teachers offer positive reinforcement after punishment
- Give relatable punishments to students
- Don’t require perfection
Parent Involvement

- Have parent-teacher conferences
- Call parents for good student behavior and grades
Let's Now Solve Some Cases!
CASE STUDY

- Cody is a great 4th grade student but lately he has not turned in his homework

- What would you as a teacher do?
Homework Strategies

- Teachers should offer warnings
- Teachers should have logical consequences
- Have concern
- Ask questions
• Now you find out his parents are getting a divorce and his grandma just passed away...

• He just pushed a student down on the playground....

• What would you as a teacher do?
How to Help

- Get involved
- Call the parents
- Don’t criticize but offer positive reinforcement
- Students relate punishment to the punisher
Now Cody won’t answer discussion questions in class and refuses to participate with his group members...

As a teacher what would you do?
How to Help

- Make the student feel important
- Offer encouragement
- Be the motivator
- Ask for opinions and suggestions
- Students who feel insignificant have behavior problems
Important Points to Remember

- Students need belonging
- Positive reinforcement after punishment
- Logical consequences
- Four mistaken goals
- Democratic teachers
Dreikurs Model Put to Practice

Teachers can use Dreikurs theories when:

- Giving student feedback
- Punishments
- Hierarchy of genetic consequences
Wrap Up!

- As a teacher you are one of the biggest motivators in a child’s life
- Give students encouragement
- Be a strong and gentle teacher at the same time


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