

Radically Rethinking Discipline



Welcome back to the start of a new year! One of the many concerns facing administrators and teachers at the beginning of the year is discipline. How can we help our teachers improve classroom management so that their efforts actually prevent future problems? How can we communicate behavioral and academic expectations to students in a way that they understand and own? This month's School Leadership Resource compilation is all about taking a closer look at our current strategies and exploring new ways to improve our interactions with struggling students.

Dealing with Discipline

Administrators and teachers have the special challenge of reaching students who are often distressed and dealing with awful life circumstances. These students, while they may outwardly put up protective walls, yearn to be affirmed. Only by genuinely honoring their internal dilemmas can we begin to melt the walls and get through to them.

Check out this [Edutopia article](#) to take a fresh look at discipline strategies.

Read more about Discipline with Dignity [here](#).

School-Wide Solutions

Check out these ideas for school-wide SEL focused activities that can help to cultivate characteristics of resilience and grit in your students.

Morning Meetings:

Another great way to create a safe space and improve students' communication and social awareness is to incorporate Morning Meetings into your school's daily routine.



Read more about Morning Meetings [here](#).

Combining Literacy & SEL:

One school's use of Student Advisory Groups to encourage growth in both SEL and Literacy.



Trauma Informed Practices:

Take a look at how one school used trauma informed practices to encourage SEL in every classroom.

[Read about Trauma Informed Practices.](#)

Helping Teachers with Classroom Management

Almost everyone agrees that strong classroom management skills are essential for successful teaching and learning. But many teachers start the year without focusing on these essential procedures. How can principals help teachers to improve their classroom management skills and build positive relationships in their classrooms?

Check out these links for advice and resources on how to turn your teachers into classroom management superstars!

[Advice for Principals](#)

[Classroom Management Resources](#)

[7 Classroom Management Techniques Teachers Swear By](#)