



3 Key Elements of Effective Classroom Management

01.

Room Arrangement and Decor

Using learning centers and clear walking paths to arrange your classroom will improve organization, minimize running, and increase children's independent access. Using mostly neutral colors with selective pops of color in the decor will soothe and calm. Together, the effect is an overall calmer classroom environment.



02.

Daily Schedule and Free Play

Considering whether your daily schedule includes age-appropriate timing and activities is crucial to classroom management. A schedule with timing that is too early or too late to meet children's needs will increase behavioral issues. Abundant free play, inside and outside, is also important to ensure children remain engaged. A schedule that is timed appropriately and has plenty of free play will keep children interested, increase learning, decrease wait times, and minimize boredom. When children are engaged, less behavioral issues occur.

03.

Positive Guidance

When trouble does arise, positive guidance is the key to resolving it quickly. Positive guidance teaches children what is expected, why a behavior is not allowed, and how to engage in a positive alternative. This helps minimize ongoing problems because children understand why certain behaviors are not allowed and what is expected instead.



Classroom Management Supports Licensing Compliance

When teachers utilize these 3 key elements of classroom management...

- They have an easier time providing active supervision.
- They are better able to prevent behavioral issues in the classroom.
- They create a calmer, more positive classroom environment.



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