Problem Behavior Definitions



I've come to a frightening conclusion that I am the decisive element in the classroom. It's my personal approach that creates the climate. It's my daily mood that makes the weather. As a teacher, I possess a tremendous power to make a child's life miserable or joyous. I can be a tool for torture or an instrument of inspiration. I can humiliate or humor, hurt or heal. In all situations, it is my response that decides whether a crisis will be escalated or de-escalated and a child humanized or dehumanized.

~Haim Ginott



Purpose and Outcomes

Purpose

Prepare for implementation of effective discipline procedures

Outcomes

Well-defined definitions for staff/office managed target behaviors that interfere with academic and social success

Rationale

Differentiating between behaviors addressed in the **classroom**, versus those addressed by **office/administration**, can:

- improve consistency within the classroom
- provide more meaningful information for problem solving
- increase instructional minutes
- free up administrative time spent on discipline
- increase structure, feelings of safety, and a positive learning environment.

Classroom Managed

Involve opportunities for <u>teachable moments</u> and minimizing interruption to instruction



Teachable Moments

- x It's about teaching what's right and acceptable instead of punishing what's wrong
- Prepare students to solve social problems in appropriate ways before problems occur
- Vising the calm and happy moments to teach expectations and skills that help students be successful and reduce challenging behavior

Officed Managed

Involve school and student physical and emotional safety



Managing & Preventing Behavioral Crises

X Before - Use sound preventative procedures

During - Goal is safety first

x After - Gather sufficient information to refine procedures and prevent subsequent crises

Physical & Emotional Safety ... Warning Signs

- X Bite nails of lips
- X Mutter or grumble
- X Seem stuck on a issue
- X Lash out verbally at others
- X Withdraw
- Challenge authority

- X Physically strike out
- X Refuse to comply
- X Project blame
- X Verbal threats
- X Abusive language
- X Threatening posture



Avoiding Escalation Responses

- X Getting in the student's face
- X Discrediting the student
- X Nagging or preaching
- X Arguing
- X Engaging in power struggles
- X Tugging or grabbing the student
- Cornering the student
- X Being overly defensive
- Following student behavior with corresponding demands
- X Shouting or raising voice

Colvin, 2004

Operational Definitions

- X Observable
- X Can be measured
- X Anyone who reads the definition will be able to identify if the behavior is occurring or not
- X Examples and nonexamples



Operational Definitions

- x Avoid using language that places judgments or makes assumptions
- x Avoid language that discusses what the child feels when engaged in the behavior
- Describe only what is visible to an observer.

Measurable

- Frequency how many times the behavior occurred
- Rate how many times in a given period the behavior occurred
- Duration how long the behavior occurred
- x Latency how long between instruction or trigger and the behavior
- Magnitude the intensity of the behavior

Visualize the Behavior

When you are creating an operational definition, you should visualize what the behavior looks like. Do not insert your **opinion** or use **subjective words** such as "the student is rude" or "the student is

being defiant."

Completing T-Chart

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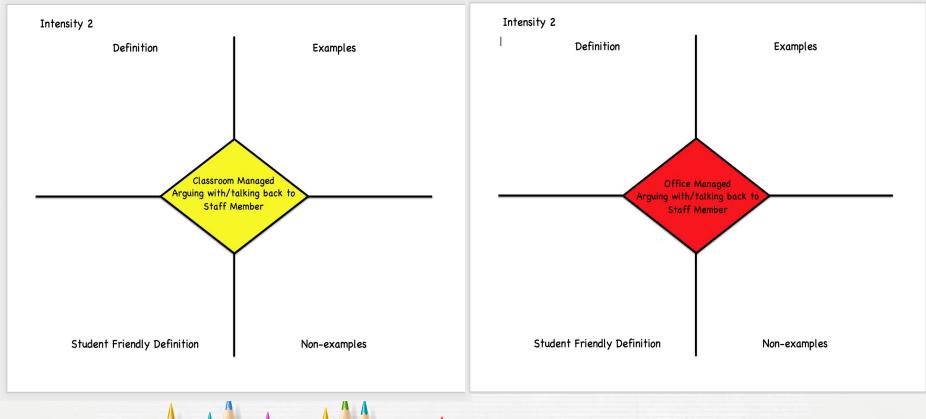
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Office Managed

Involve school and student physical and emotional safety

Directions

- X List all classroom managed behaviors on one side
- X List all office managed on the other side





Final Thought

It is always important to remember that "if you inadvertently assist the student to escalate, do not be concerned; you will get another chance to do it right the next time around" (Geoff Colvin, 1989).

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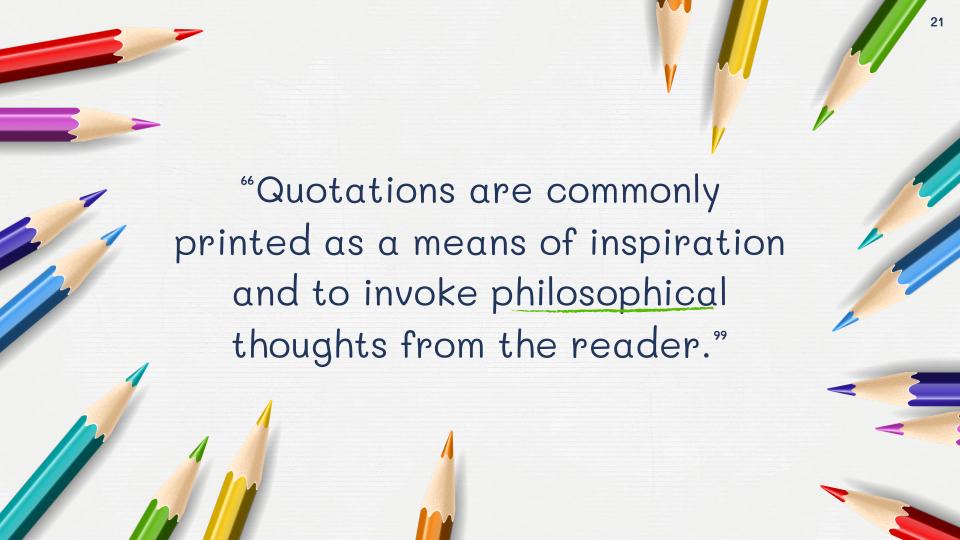
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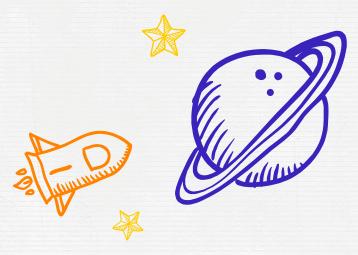




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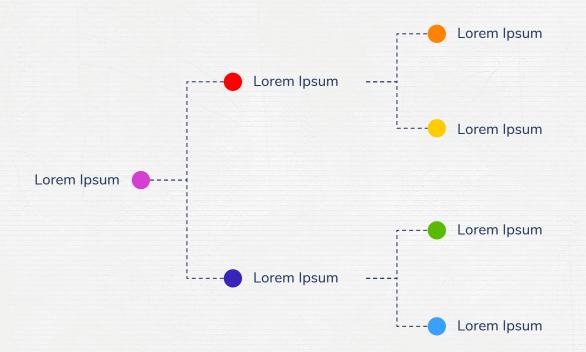
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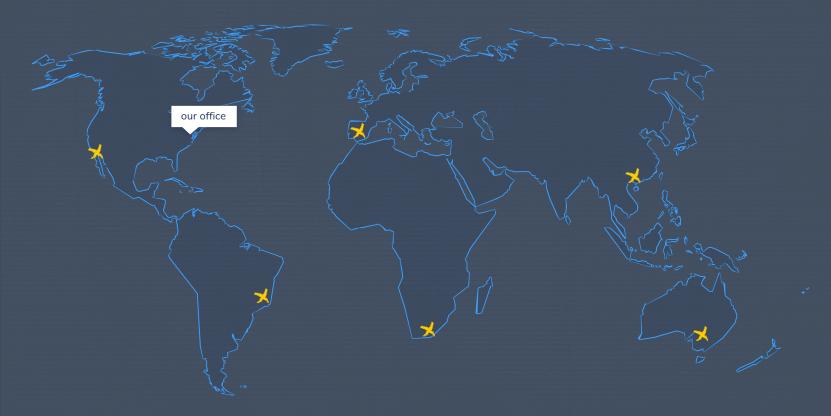
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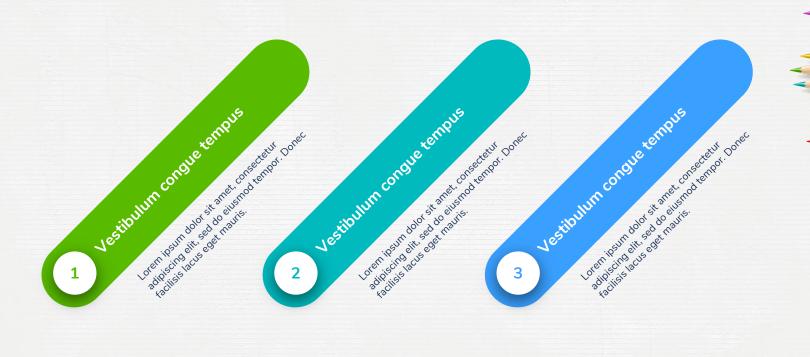


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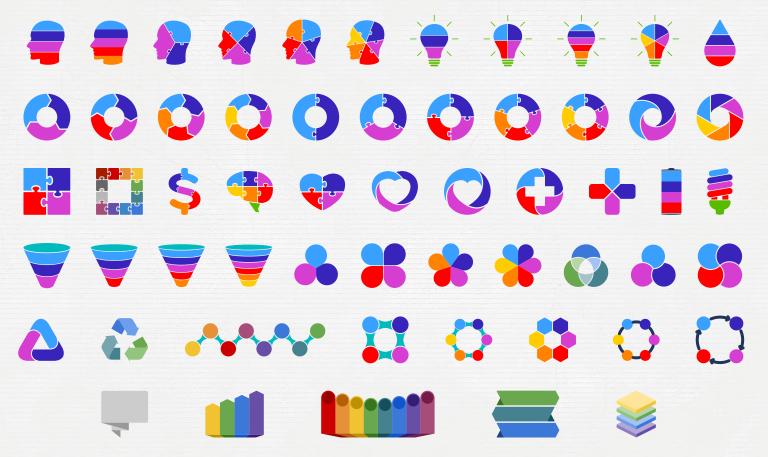
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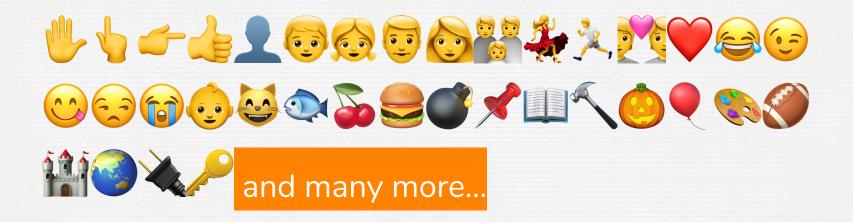


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