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Culturally Responsive Classroom Management:
Fostering an Inclusive Learning Environment for All Students
Part One - February 2018

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Introductory Article:

Toward A Conception of Culturally Responsive Classroom Management

Given the increasing diversity of our classrooms, a lack of multicultural competence can exacerbate the difficulties that both novice and some more experienced teachers have with classroom management. Definitions and expectations of appropriate behavior are culturally influenced, and conflicts are likely to occur when teachers and students come from different cultural backgrounds. This investigative article is intended to stimulate discussion of culturally responsive classroom management (CRCM).

The authors propose a conception of CRCM that includes five essential components: (a) recognition of one’s own ethnocentrism; (b) knowledge of students’ cultural backgrounds; (c) understanding of the broader social, economic, and political context; (d) ability and willingness to use culturally appropriate management strategies; and (e) commitment to building caring classrooms. The article concludes with suggested questions and issues for future research.

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List of Sources:


Links to Information

A Correlational Study of Teacher Efficacy and Culturally Responsive Teaching Techniques in a Southeastern Urban School District

An Examination Of The Association Between Observed And Self-Reported Culturally Proficient Teaching Practices

Classroom Management—a Pathway to Student Achievement: A Study of Fourteen Inner-City Elementary Schools

Classroom Management in Diverse Classrooms

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Culturally Responsive Classroom Management Strategies

Culturally Responsive Classrooms: Affirming Culturally Different Gifted Students

Educating All Students: Creating Culturally Responsive Teachers, Classrooms, and Schools

Promoting Cultural Competencies for Teachers of Students With Significant Disabilities

Teaching for Excellence in Academically Diverse Classrooms

“This has to be family”: Humanizing Classroom Management in Urban Schools

Urban Teachers’ Use of Culturally Responsive Management Strategies

Why Is Classroom Management So Vexing to Urban Teachers?