

A comprehensive approach is summarized by the acronym STOIC:

- Structure for success.
- Teach expectations (like a great basketball coach).
- Observe—circulate and scan.
- Interact positively with students.
- Correct misbehavior fluently.

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Last week you started a list of all misbehaviors that occur in your class.

- 1. Clarify and re-teach expectations (like a great basketball coach).
- 2. Effectively use your classroom rules and expectations for success.
- 3. Implement corrective consequences calmly and consistently.
- 4. Use positive feedback and your attention strategically (ratios of interactions).
- 5. Implement group-based incentive systems for especially tough classes.

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Poll the group:

- 1. I implemented reteaching of my expectations and have seen NO improvement in behavior.
- 2. I implemented reteaching of my expectations and have seen MODERATE improvement in behavior.
- 3. I implemented reteaching of my expectations and have seen DRAMATIC improvement in behavior.

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Strategy 3

Implement corrective consequences for rule violations calmly and consistently.

- ✓ Establish consequences that fit the nature of the problem but are as mild as possible.
- ✓ Discuss consequences in advance with students.
- ✓ Implement the consequences calmly and consistently.

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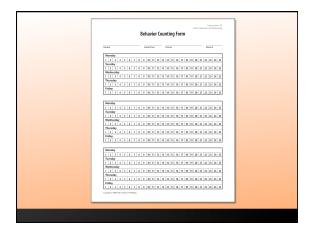
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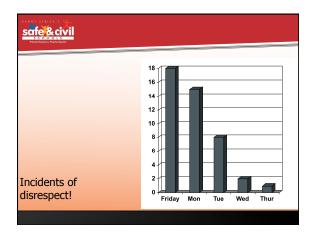
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- Most misbehaviors are observable infractions and can be corrected by my rules.
- 2. Most misbehaviors are attitude problems and can be corrected with GFS.
- 3. I am still confused about the difference between rules and GFS

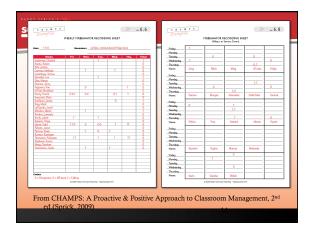
Sample Menu of Classroom Corrections

- ✓ Give a gentle verbal reprimand.
- ✓ Use a proximity correction.
- ✓ Keep a record of the behavior.









✓ Use planned ignoring. ✓ Reduce points (if using a point system). ✓ Implement a response cost lottery. ✓ Assign time owed from recess or after class. ✓ Assign time owed after school.

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- ✓ Assign a timeout at the student's desk.
- ✓ Assign a timeout at another location in the classroom.
- ✓ Assign an interclass timeout.
- ✓ Issue a demerit (3 demerits = afterschool detention).

- ✓ Have the student fill out a Behavior Improvement Form.
- ✓ Require restitution by the student.
- ✓ Referral.

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ACTION

Evaluate whether you have a plan for responding consistently to all misbehavior that is on your list from page 1.

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Strategy 4

Use positive feedback and your attention strategically to improve student behavior (Ratios of Interactions).

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When giving positive feedback to individual students in class, most students:

- ✓ A. Roll their eyes and act disgusted
- ✓B. Seem embarrassed
- ✓ C. Do not react at all
- ✓ D. Seem appreciative (a smile or head nod)

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- ✓ Recognize that some students are *starved* for attention.
- ✓ Be aware of Ratios of Interactions. Strive for at least a 3-to-1 ratio of attention to positive behavior versus attention to negative behavior.

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- ✓ Four types of attention to positive behavior:
 - Noncontingent attention (e.g., greetings)
 - Positive feedback—verbal and written
 - Intermittent rewards
 - Systems-level rewards (Strategy 5)

✓ Positive feedback should be specific, descriptive, contingent, and nonembarrassing.

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Contingent:

- ✓ Following any new skill or behavior
- ✓ Following any difficult skill or behavior
- ✓ Following anything complex



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ACTION

- a) For each misbehavior you listed on page 1 (last week), identify a behavior or attitude that is the "positive opposite" of that misbehavior.
- b) Make a recording of your interactions during the 30 minutes of your school day when you are the most negative.

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ACTION (continued)

c) Count and analyze your interactions and make a plan to be consistently more positive during that time period.



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Across one week, chronic misbehavior is exhibited by:

- 1. Almost all students
- 2. About half the class
- 3. Two to five students
- 4. One student in particular

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	"Treat people as if they were what they ought to be, you help them become what they are capable of being."
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