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Edition!*



CHAMPS

Classroom Management

Tip of the Week

How can I set the conditions for positive student behavior?

We can promote positive student behavior by focusing on these three teacher actions:

- 1. Conditions.** Ensure that students know your behavioral expectations and exactly how to meet them. Posted CHAMPS expectations will help here! We also need to think about activity and transition time limits, desk arrangements, traffic flow, materials, and instructional pacing. Think: *How can I set the students up for success?*
- 2. Implement pleasant consequences.** Ensure that students experience positive feedback when they engage in responsible behavior! This may include verbal and nonverbal praise, special privileges, or positive contact with families. Think: *How will you reinforce individual students? How about the whole class?* Remember, rewarded behaviors are maintained over time, while those that are not rewarded typically extinguish.
- 3. Eliminate unpleasant consequences.** This one can be tricky. We must ensure that students don't experience negative results from exhibiting responsible behavior. For example, be sure that no student perceives teacher favoritism or is the target of laughter for behaving appropriately. Think: *Do some of your students respond better to praise and feedback that is delivered more privately? How do you encourage respect and rapport in your classroom?*

