



One-Liners

One-liners can be used to prevent verbal escalation and arguments with students. Note: One-liners are to be said in a tone of genuine compassion and understanding- *without* any hint of sarcasm.

To acknowledge:

I understand. Nevertheless. I hear you. We'll see. I'm sorry you're upset. Thank you for sharing. Bummer.

To redirect:

Make good choices. Stay with me. Stop and think. That is not appropriate here. Let's start over. My turn to talk. You're up next.

Other one-liners:

We'll talk about this later. I respect you too much to argue. See me at recess. In this classroom, we _____. We'll get through this. I'm going to have to think about this. Try not to worry.

