TIPS FOR REDUCING OR RESPONDING TO
CONFLICT IN THE CLASSROOM

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1. Leave your ego at the door of the classroom. (Do not take student remarks or behavior personally.)

2. Establish and communicate your rules for mutually respectful treatment early, and remind the class of them as necessary.

3. Be the model of respectful behavior that you expect of your students.

4. Teach your students how to express their differing views and opinions in ways that do not personally attack or criticize others.

5. Show that you value every student’s feelings and opinions, whether you or the other students agree with them or not.


7. Ask students to raise hands and be called upon before speaking (unless they are working in small groups).

8. Respond to emotional expressions from students with an acknowledgement of the emotion as well as the content of the statement.

9. Be honest about your own feelings and expectations in regard to student behavior. This is often part of a good response to questionable student behavior.

10. Call for a break to talk individually with a student or to gather your thoughts if you need to do so. (You are in charge of the class.)