

# Reducing Behavior Problems in the Elementary School Classroom

Schools can build a safe learning environment, increase students' bonding to school, and improve students' motivation to learn by helping students improve their social skills and behave in an appropriate manner. For that purpose, an IES expert panel has identified five research-based practices to be implemented by teachers, specialists, principals, and school leadership teams.

## Describe Behavior

Identify the conditions that reinforce problem behavior.

## Modify Environment

Modify the classroom environment to prevent problem behavior.

## Schoolwide Approach

Implement schoolwide strategies or programs.

## Collaborative Relationships

Form collaborative relationships with school staff, parents, and behavioral experts.

## Teach Skills

Teach and reinforce skills to promote appropriate behavior.

You're squirmy today. Let's do an active project.

Our suspension rates are down.

Let's talk it through!

Can we try this approach at home and at school?

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