

BEHAVIORS THAT BLOCK SUCCESS: THE 4 D'S

There are four types of behavior that have a negative impact on the classroom environment. It's important to be able to recognize what each behavior type looks like, the motivations behind it so that we can act responsively, as opposed to simply reacting.



Disengaged

When behavior is

- withdrawn from the class
- focused internally
- easily distracted, slow to comply or reluctant to participate.
- not interfering with the class's ability to learn, but can lead other students to withdraw also.



Disruptive

When behavior is

- Distracted from the class
- focused internally, although acting outwardly
- disrupting the lesson through unsolicited noise or movement.
- exhibiting an unintentional lack of impulse control, or attention seeking behavior
- Impacting other students' ability to focus and learn.



Disrespectful

When behavior is

- In opposition to the class experience
- Focused outwardly
- Defensive or assertive when responding to the teacher or to other students.
- Responding to simple request with aggressiveness (Often a self-protective response to a separate incident).
- Interfering with other students' ability to learn.



Defiant

When behavior is

- Antagonistic towards the class experience
- Focused Outwardly
- Intentionally aggressive, responding with the intention of reducing the teacher's authority.
- Struggling for power in the classroom resulting from a previous and escalating incident and interfering with the teacher's ability to teach.