

2006-2007 WHRO Classroom Preview

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SUCCEEDING AS A TEACHER gives new teachers the immediate skills they need to create successful classrooms today! Whether your setting is a college education course, an in-service training workshop, or a mentoring system, you will find these new programs a tremendous asset.

Based on current research and literature and the standards of the New Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, These four programs show how to advance student achievement through: effective instructional planning; positive classroom management; proven instructional strategies for all learners; and communication and professionalism.

1. Planning Instruction (PREVIEW PROGRAM)

As they watch veteran teachers plan lessons and then implement them in their classrooms, viewers get a virtual roadmap for developing effective instruction. Teachers in pre-service, induction and mentoring programs see the importance of understanding the developmental ages of their young learners, building on content knowledge, using technology as a resource and crafting valid objectives and assessments - all oriented to state and local standards. Demonstrated in the classroom is how to go from planning to crafting engaging lessons. The program shows how to use assessments to design instruction, how to weave together many different sources in planning instruction, and how to activate prior knowledge, are all displayed in powerful, real ways. This tape helps lay the foundation for successful planning.

2. Instruction For All Students

This program shows wealth of strategies to use in the classroom to engage all students and to increase student achievement. Vivid classroom scenes incorporate current research to show how to structure and pace a solid lesson, including modeling, role-playing, teaching a new skill, providing feedback and practice, assigning homework, and using assessments. Viewers see flexible grouping in action and learn how to determine when it is appropriate to use whole group instruction, cooperative groups, or have students work independently or in pairs. Learn how and when to use centers in elementary classrooms.

3. Managing The Environment

Build foundation skills for developing classroom management that works! Valuable ideas on how to set up a classroom physically - and vary the setup according to different age groups or content to be conveyed - are vividly displayed. Viewers see how to set up a room for the first day of school - and how to create "ownership" by having students help with certain set-up aspects. Important elements of instructional planning, gathering supplies for various lessons, and arranging seating are emphasized. How to establish classroom routines, maintain discipline and deal with transitions are covered. Teachers discuss how to involve students in classroom rule-making.

4. Communication & Professional Growth

Successful communication with students, parents, and staff can be absolutely key to prospering as a teacher - and so to retaining good teachers. This program helps build communication skills and helps new teachers grow as professionals. Viewers see how to establish good relationships with children by getting to know their students and by creating a climate of mutual respect. How to set and convey expectations clearly and how to use praise sincerely is demonstrated. Valuable tips are given on how to communicate productively with parents, involve parents in the classroom and effectively use newsletters, e-mail, and phone calls. How to conduct parent conferences is shown, plus how to inform parents of their child's positive achievement.