Prevalent Classroom Management Models

The primary objective of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) is to enhance each student's potential for learning and to foster positive interpersonal relationships. M-DCPS supports the concept that students who possess personal, academic, civic and occupational adequacies will become effective and productive citizens. Students must develop and accept the responsibilities and obligations of citizenship. The Code of Student Conduct (COSC) helps students take control of their learning and their ability to positively alter outcomes by employing appropriate personal choices and skills.

In 2008, there was a shift in paradigm and change in the culture regarding the COSC is the District's policy that created a safe and supportive learning environment that ensured academic success. The shift incorporated vital changes to the Code of Student Conduct such as:

•   Emphasizing model student behavior;
•   Aligning District Core Values to examples of model behavior;
•   Introducing parental tips and inspirational quotes;
•   Consolidating corrective strategies;
•   Providing extended supports for teachers to utilize for student lessons.

The "reculturing" of the school to a positive school climate not only supports academic achievement and promotes fairness, civility, acceptance of diversity, and mutual respect. To reaffirm positive behaviors the District encourages school site measures such as: Certificates of Achievement; positive letters to parents and other rewards that show support for the student's behaviors.

To enhance the effectiveness, this document addresses not only the role of the parents, the students, and school, but also core values and model student behaviors, rights and responsibilities of students, procedures for using corrective strategies, including suspension and expulsion. The District promotes the following beliefs:

•   All students are valuable and can make worthy contributions to society;
•   All students are responsible and accountable for their choices and decisions;
•   In order to grow and thrive, individuals need caring relationships and a nurturing environment;
•   Supportive family relationships are the foundation of the community;
•   High expectations lead to higher performance that empower individuals and strengthen society;
•   Continuous learning is a lifelong process that is essential to a productive and enriched life.

Students, parents, and school employees are encouraged to read the Code of Student Conduct and become familiar with its content. The links related to the Code of Student Conduct and the School Board Policy may accessed via the Miami-Dade Public Schools' Websites:

http://ehandbooks.dadeschools.net/policies/90/csc_elem.pdf   ,
http://ehandbooks.dadeschools.net/policies/90/csc_sec.pdf , and
http://www.neola.com/miamidade-fl/search/policies/po5500.htm