

A Flip-Flop Style

Characteristics:

- Teachers who bounce back and forth between autocratic and permissive extremes
- Teachers swing wildly between these extremes
- There is a lack of predictability and consistency which causes student confusion

Draw Backs:

- Students feel confused, frustrated, and anxious
- Teachers who lack mentoring or administrative support struggle
- Students who come to school with poorly developed social skills, lack of self-regulation, and no tools to manage anger and frustration; these students can cause experienced teachers to struggle as well

Why Discipline is important:

- Discipline in the classroom can lead children to feel safe, motivated, and successful in the classroom

Authoritative Style

Characteristics:

- The goal of discipline is to help students develop self-control and self-regulation.
- Teaches what is socially responsible behaviors; students learn the value of responsible behaviors
- Do not rely on punishment or rewards- don't ignore detrimental behaviors-
- Set clear expectations for behavior and actively teaches students how to live up to those expectations
- Students understand how their behaviors impact others and themselves (self-awareness/social awareness)
- Teachers use respectful strategies to stop the misbehavior and restore positive behavior quickly
- Teachers are firm, kind, and consistent
- Maintains the dignity of all students
- The teacher understands students and the need for movement, order, and students to be in control of their own lives and learning; skills need to be continuously developed
- Creates a caring community; students learn to think and act in socially responsible ways