

# Traits of Effective Consequences

- ▶ Effective consequences must be clear, specific, and easy to understand.
- ▶ Effective consequences provide a range of alternatives for matching the consequences to the particular student and circumstances in a way that best instructs the student about good behavior.
- ▶ Effective consequences are designed primarily to teach rather than to create misery or unhappiness.
- ▶ As closely as possible, the effective consequence needs to relate to the rule not being followed.
- ▶ Effective consequences must preserve the student's dignity.
- ▶ Effective consequences do not harm student's motivation to learn.

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