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Teacher Tips

From your JSD Mentor Department

Getting Student Attention

Effective teachers have all students’ attention before giving directions or delivering instruction.

JPAS Connection

Domain III: Interacting with Students
Encouraging Participation

Indicator 41: Gets Student Attention

*Effective teachers increase student learning by using a variety of “Attention Getters”. (Jones & Jones, 1998)*

Here are some ideas to try:

- Use verbal attention-getters
- Use nonverbal attention-getters
  - Chime, clap, timer, countdown, repeat phrase
- Surprise students with new or unusual requests
- Avoid shouting and yelling
- Practice attention signals

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