

## **WORKING WITH OPPOSITIONAL BEHAVIOR IN THE CLASSROOM: UNDERSTANDING “THE CONTROL GAME”**

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Students who continually test the limits are extremely challenging to the adults around them. These students are very skilled at drawing staff into power struggles and arguments which disrupt the classroom learning environment.

This workshop will help staff understand the dynamics behind oppositional behavior. Through discussion, video examples and role plays, participants learn and practice strategies to successfully address the following types of behavior and attitudes:

- complying with the letter of the law
- attempts to "make deals"
- blatant violation of rules
- last work "itis"
- demands for explanations
- "staff splitting"
- direct challenges to authority
- The Great Debate
- I don't care about the consequences