

Working with Oppositional Behavior: Understanding the “Control Game”

Oppositional students, those students who continually test the limits, are extremely challenging. They are very skilled at drawing staff into power struggles and argument which disrupt the classroom 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 word "itis"
- demands for explanations
- "staff splitting"
- direct challenges to authority
- The Great Debate
- I don't care about the consequences