

# 1 Student Needs Influence Appropriate And Inappropriate Behavior



*“In my classroom I had one rule: no disrespect for people or property, including yourself.”*

–Robert DeBruyn

## Every Discipline Problem Has Three Variables

*There are three variables in every discipline situation: the misbehaving student, the class, and the teacher. Unless a teacher can control his or her own behavior, all three factors remain variables—and chaos is the predictable result. (3)*

**Objective:** In this section, you will learn why it’s vital for the teacher to be the primary adjustor in discipline situations.

1. Consider this statement: “First, [teachers] try to be nice. Second, if they don’t find success in being nice, they think in terms of being mean” (4). When has this been true for you? 
2. Give an example of a time when you were unable to maintain control of yourself in a discipline situation. What was the result? 
3. Do you think the teacher should always be the first and primary adjustor with a student who misbehaves? 