



Friday Focus

Greenup County Schools

How Do You Manage?

Using Kagan Cooperative Learning structures can dramatically improve classroom management issues. The cooperative learning structures provide the needed framework for learning while allowing students to be social. Traditional classrooms require students to be passive and isolated. In cooperative learning classrooms students are encouraged to interact, move, and create. But a crucial piece of cooperative learning is management. Students learn management skills to control noise level, answer questions, collect team materials, communicate with the teacher via hand signals, and keep on task after completing assignments.

Positive Attention & Recognition

One of the most positive and powerful tools we



have is the use of positive attention. Whatever we pay attention to, we will get more of that behavior. Recognition is another way to give positive attention. Recognition is publicly celebrating an individual, team, or the whole class's success. Giving directions for teams on how to do a complex project involves a totally different

set of management skills. To address different learning styles, direction should be given **verbally and written**. It is wise to talk through the directions as well as have them posted on the overhead, white board, or chart. Directions should also be in **"bite-sized chunks."** Do not give more instructions at a time than all teams can complete with out asking for clarification. Use **trigger words** as cues for the students. For example, everyone start when I say **"Go"** allows the students to hear all the directions.

Getting students' attention is a crucial part of classroom management.

"Give Me Five" is a signal that teachers can use for students so that they know to stop and focus on the teachers. For this structure, the teacher raises a had with five fingers spread apart. The five fingers are to remind the students of the five rules:

1. Eyes on the speaker
2. Get quiet
3. Be still
4. Hands free—put things down
5. Listen

There are many different **quiet signals** that you can use. Kagan, S., &

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Upcoming Academy Dates:

- Oct5- Kagan Coaching HS
- Oct. 6- Kagan Coaching MS
- Oct. 11- Vonda K-1
- Oct. 11- CTE PLC at GATC
- Oct. 12- HS Soft skills camp
- Oct. 13- Vonda 4-5
- Oct. 14- March of Pride

Extended Thought

Quieting a Noisy Class

Quiet Signals

Teaching Quiet Signals



SHOUT OUTS!

Overall highest scores in District history.

- Proficient District 3 Years in a row (.3 from Distinguished label)
- 1225 students who earned Proficient or Distinguished in 2016.
- ACT score- 18.8 composite highest ever.
- College Career Readiness score- 91.4 highest ever.
- Graduation Rate- 93.6 highest ever.
- MES Language Mechanics !00%!!
- MMS Distinguished and second in the region!!
- GES, WES, GCHS Proficient!!
- AES increased 3 percent overall!!!
- WMS highest Language Mechanics, ODW, and Reading ever!!

