



ARGUMENTATIVE STUDENT

How can the teacher deal with a student who becomes argumentative upon confrontation?

TOP TIPS

- 1. Do not confront the student in a group situation.**
- 2. Do not use an accusatory tone upon approaching the student.**
- 3. Evaluate the situation that led to the confrontation.**
- 4. Do not back the student into a corner. Leave room for options.**
- 5. Do not make threats that cannot be carried out.**
- 6. Allow your emotions to cool before approaching the student.**
- 7. Maintain the appearance of control at all times. Use a clear, firm voice.**
- 8. Give the child an opportunity to speak his/her piece.**
- 9. Allow for role-playing, doing role reversal.**
- 10. Try to explore and discover what led to the confrontation. Avoid repeating these circumstances.**
- 11. If you made an error, admit it!**