



## LACK OF MOTIVATION

What do you do with students who lack motivation, have a very negative attitude toward school, and come to class unprepared?

1. Do everything possible to make sure the physical needs of the student have been met. Has he/she eaten breakfast? Had enough rest? Can he/she see the board clearly, hear clearly, etc.?
2. Make your classroom interesting and stimulating to the students. Make your lessons inviting and challenging, so students are interested in finding out what comes next!
3. Show your students that you take an interest in them. Show that you like them and that they belong in your classroom.
4. Make your lesson an experience that will allow the student to gain self-esteem because they are successful.
5. Make goals that are challenging, but attainable.
6. Take advantage of the student's interests and formulate some lessons around them.
7. When developing practice worksheets, use the students' names and some things you know about them to teach a concept (e.g., "Susan expressed her enjoyment regarding her trip to Disney World" when identifying parts of speech).
8. Send home weekly reports to parents. Encourage parents to reward their children for high motivation.
9. Use the concept of students' working together to encourage one another (e.g., cooperative learning groups).
10. Have students chart their own behaviour for a week