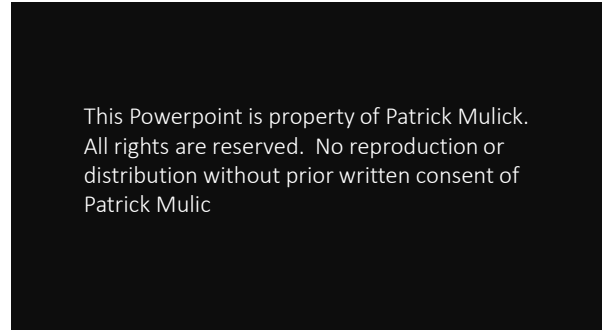
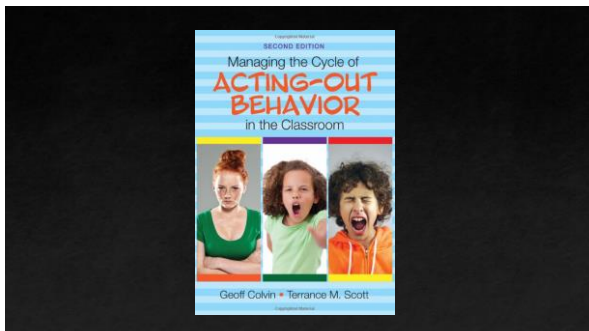


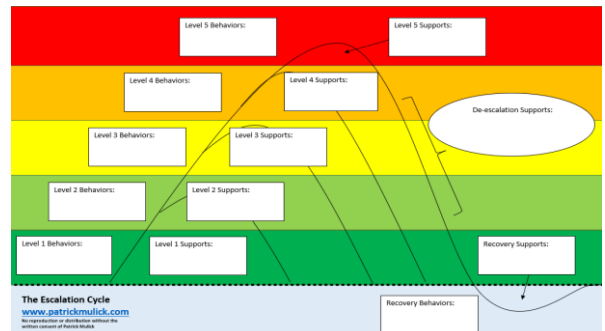
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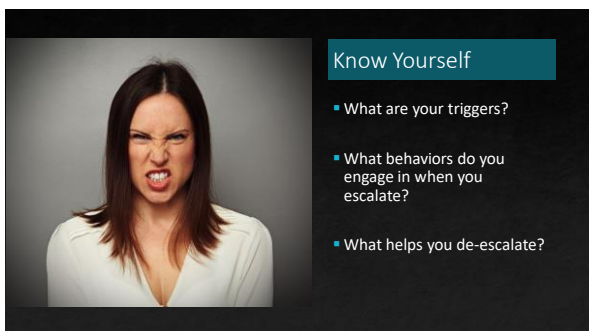
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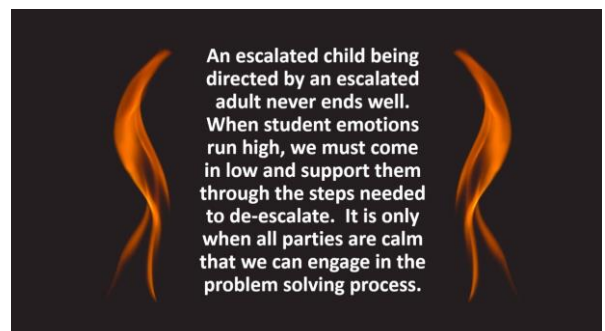
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Without a
plan, self-care
is just a bunch
of fluff.



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If you don't prioritize
your wellness now, you
will be forced to deal
with your illness later.

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When they bring the chaos, you bring the calm.
When they bring the problems, you bring the peace.



Only when there is peace can one begin to process.

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The Angry Adult



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Empathy Statements

- I am sorry you had to experience this.
- I can see how frustrating this must be.
- I see how this must be really confusing.
- These are good questions that need answers.
- I want to make sure I fully understand this. What I hear you saying is.....
- We will get to the bottom of this.
- Thank you for letting me know about this, we will get back to you.

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Behavior is a
science.

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Some kids will have a talent for pressing your buttons. When they do, just be sure you disconnect the wiring and respond with skill instead of emotion.



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Level 1: Calm

What You May See

- Student exhibits cooperative behavior and is responsive to staff directions
- Appears to be happy and centered
- Socializes with peers
- Accepts praise
- Ignores distractions
- Will vary depending on student

What You Should Do

- Provide engaging quality instruction
- Maintain effective classroom structures
- Establish routines
- Teach and enforce rules
- Reinforce desired behavior
- Plan for activities and transitions
- Teach and practice self-management

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1. Keep the Learning Environment Positive, Engaging, and Structured



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Student schedules and behavioral expectations are like railroad tracks, as long as they are clearly laid out in front of the learner they will have a much higher likelihood of being able to move forward successfully. If these structures are missing it should come as no surprise when things begin to crash.

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In the absence of appropriate classroom structures, chaos reigns.



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Keep kids engaged in their learning. The busy mind forgets to misbehave.

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2. Voice and Choice



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A student who feels heard is a student who is better equipped to listen.

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3. Build a Student's Day that will Work for Them



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Don't allow the stress of the curriculum to interfere with student growth.

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Level 2: Trigger

What the Trigger Might Be

- Conflict
- Task demand
- Undesired peer interaction
- Basic human needs not being met
- Being yelled at
- Breaking or losing personal item
- Unexpected change

Why They are Tricky

- It may be the result of something that happened a while ago
- Can vary student to student
- Can vary day to day
- Easily goes unseen by the supervising educator

Providing a student their needed supports does not guarantee that they will succeed, but neglecting to provide them their needed supports does guarantee that they will fail.




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Level 3: Agitation

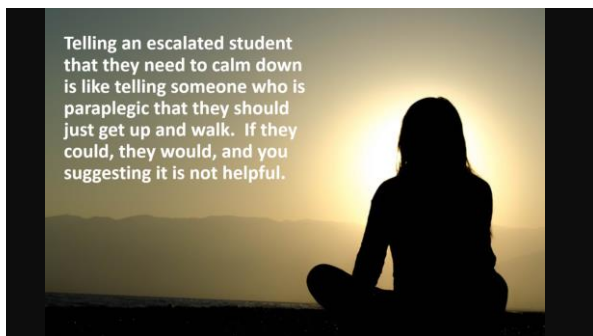
What You May See

- A student who is angry, depressed, on edge, withdrawn, worried, disturbed, frustrated, and anxious
- Increased hyperactivity, body movement, eye movement, or off task behavior
- Decreased eye contact, conversation, and overall engagement

What You Should Do




- Focus on getting back down to baseline
- Closer adult proximity
- Consider offering a break
- Empathize without downplaying
- Avoid
 - Sarcasm
 - "Calm down"

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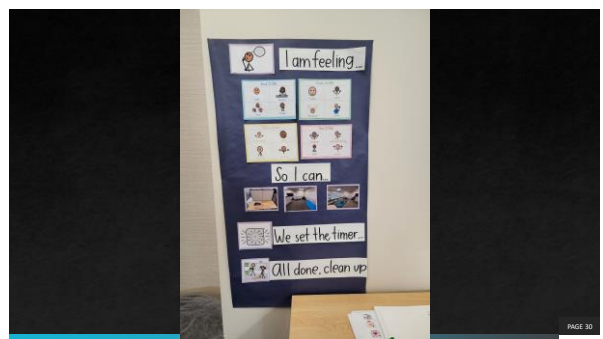
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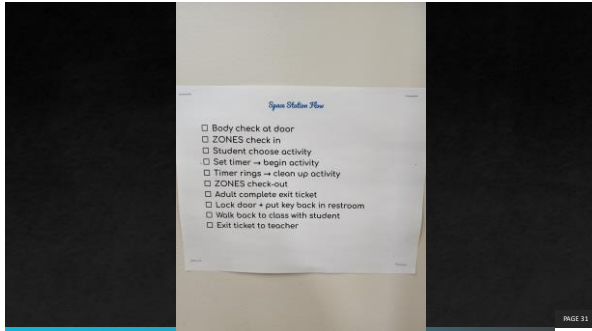
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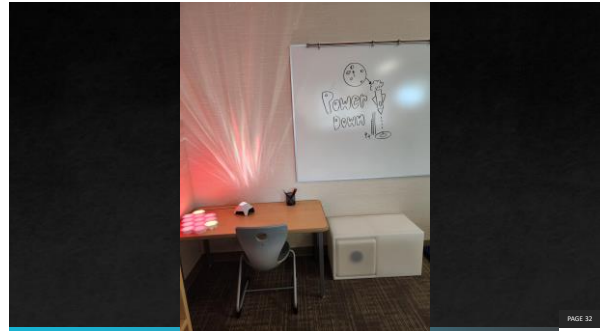
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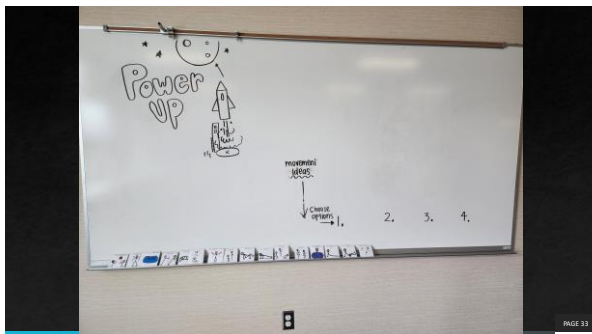
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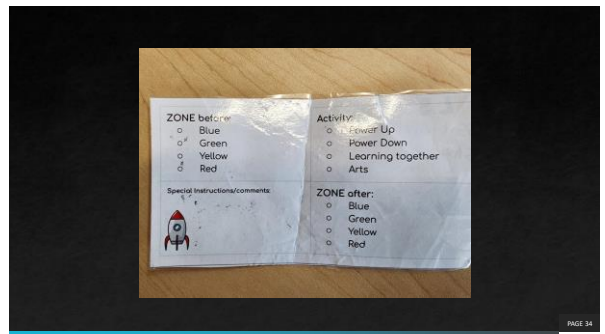
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Level 4: Acceleration

What You May See

- Intentional and focused actions by student
- Provoking other students
- Defiance to any directions given
- Asking questions to which they do not care for answers
- The beginning of property destruction

What You Should Do

- Pause and assess the situation
- Approach the student in a non-confrontational manner
- Work to engage the student in a positive way in short statements
- Offer choices
- Explain the positive consequences to complying
- Avoid
 - Power commands
 - Shouting or arguing

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Student Specific De-escalation Techniques

- Do nothing
- Offer time and space
- Consider the importance of the task
- Start the demand with them
- Break down the work
- Assist in problem solving
- Be their cheerleader
- Take a break/go for a walk
- Move on to a success and then come back
- Seek replacement behaviors

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Address Sensory Needs

- Go for walk
- Do heavy lifting
- Deliver a note
- Run
- Cold wash cloth
- Drink of Water
- Dim Lights
- Soft Music
- Fan



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Level 5: Peak

What You May See

- Physical aggression
- Self-injury
- Property destruction
- Student seeming like they are out of control
- Other students who are visually scared

What You Should Do

- Give time and space for the escalation to run its course
- Maximize safety of yourself and all students
- Avoid going hands on
- Stop talking until the student is ready to communicate

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An escalated student is never seeking to be controlled by another person. They only wish for the help to get themselves back under control.



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De-escalation

What You May See

- Decrease in severe behavior while still being disengaged
- Confusion and lack of focus
- Denial and blaming others
- Wanting to apologize or seek comfort
- May revert to some behaviors from previous levels

What You Should Do

- Minimize stimuli and attention from others
- Assign an easy to complete and close ended activity
- Not the time for debriefing or a lecture
- Remain in a neutral tone
- Probe for cooperation
- Give time and space and the assurance that we will get back to our regularly scheduled program

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Adults Must Control Themselves



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The Lead Must...

- Be singular
- Feel equipped
- Have a positive relationship
- Be 100% locked into the student's behavior
- Connect at the student's level
- Watch their tone and body language
- Maintain student dignity and safety
- Direct others with how they can support
- Be humble enough to swap out



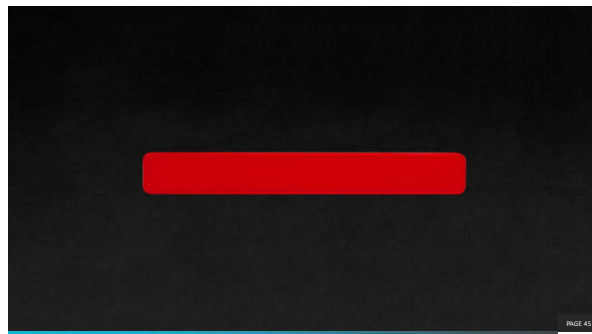
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The Backup Must...

- Avoid unneeded commentary
- Support where the lead can't
- Support and direct the other students
- Manage the environment
- Nonverbally check in with the lead
- Grab items for both the student or lead
- Be ready to call for more help
- Be ready to take the lead if needed



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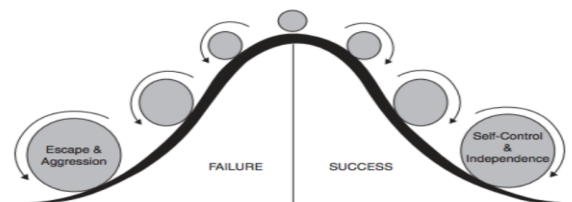
Recovery

- The student may be quiet, tired, or even sleeping
- After at least 20 minutes of calm, begin to debrief with the student
- The debrief should last between 1-5 minutes and it should:
 - Identify the sequence of events
 - Pinpoint decisions that were made during the sequence
 - Evaluate the decisions
 - Identify acceptable decision options for future situations and commit to them
 - Identify steps to repair relationships
 - Make a plan for re-entering the school day

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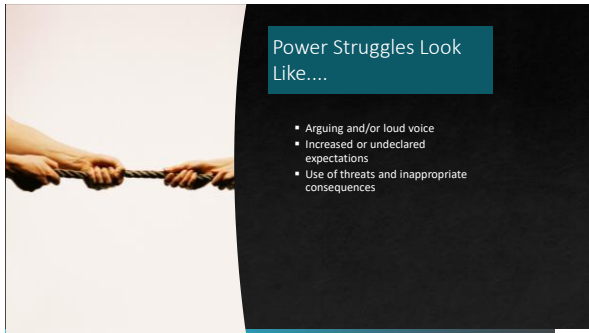
Don't make the adult debrief so brief that it does not happen.

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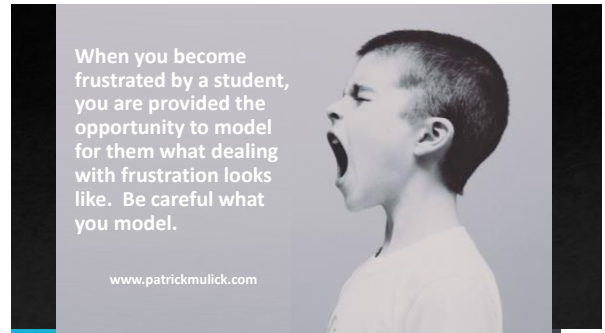


"THE SNOWBALL ROLLING FAST TO THE RIGHT CANNOT BE SLOWED BY THE OCCASIONAL FAILURE. LIKEWISE, THE SNOWBALL ROLLING FAST TO THE LEFT WILL NOT BE SLOWED BY THE OCCASIONAL SUCCESS."

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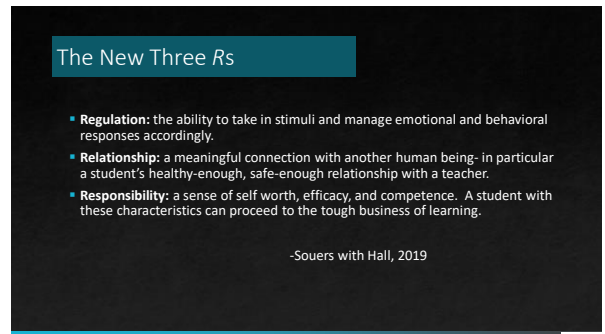
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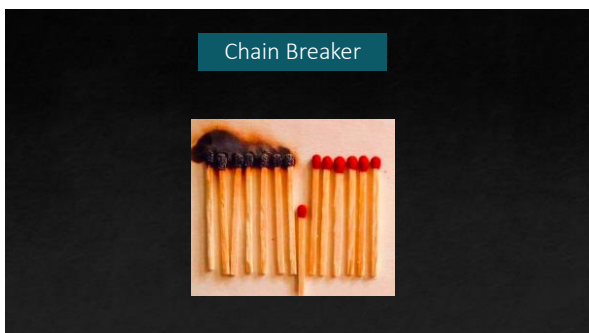
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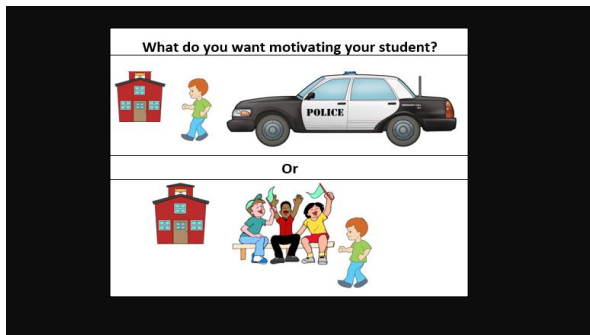
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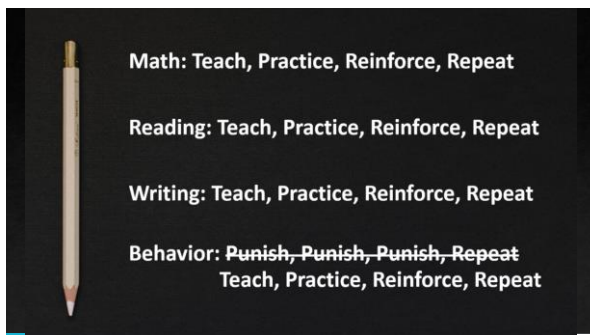
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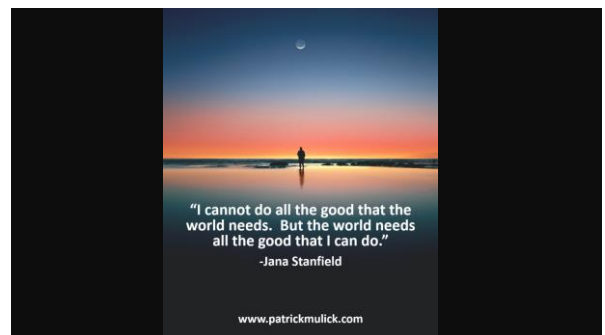
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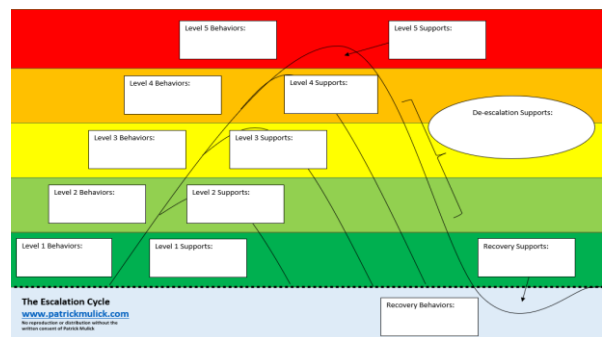
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"And be sure to keep your light
bright and shining-you never
know just how many people you
may be a lighthouse for. You
never know just how many
people find their way home, in
even the wildest storms, because
you are there."

-Cleo Wade



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