



## Managing Non-Compliance

Effective Strategies for K-12 Teachers

### MODULE 4: SUMMARY

Non-compliance has been identified in surveys as one of the top troublesome behaviors that teachers deal with on a day-to-day basis. This behavior can easily disrupt the teaching-learning process. The procedures presented in this program emphasize the need to maintain the flow of instruction, minimize attention given to non-compliance and place responsibility with the student to either fulfill the request or face a small negative consequence.

Let's review the main features for establishing compliance and addressing non-compliance.

Remember that it is essential to **maintain the flow of instruction for the class** throughout the process.

#### 1. Make a clear request

- Secure the student's attention in a respectful manner
- Clearly specify the request
- Allow the student time to process the request

#### 2. Determine whether the student has fulfilled the request satisfactorily

#### 3. Follow through based on the student's response

- If the student is compliant, reinforce immediately
- If the student is non-compliant, correct immediately
  - Present the student with a choice: to fulfill the original request or face a small negative consequence
  - Allow time for the student to process the choice
  - Follow through based on the student's choice

If you follow these procedures consistently in your classroom, you will experience less disruption from non-compliant behavior and will be better able to maintain the flow of instruction.