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The Disadvantages of Zero Tolerance Policies

Zero tolerance: rigid disciplinary system that imposes severe sanctions

Problems:
- Too wide sweeping, can severely punish innocent students
- Can alienate students

Alternatives:
- Authoritative vs. authoritarian discipline
- Focus on rehabilitation

The Effects of Praise in the Classroom

Advantages:
- Students with emotional and behavioral disorders (EBDs) behave better
- Decreases disruption in the classroom
- Increases academic achievement

Problem with reprimand:
- Reinforces negative behavior

How to properly implement praise
- Consistent and genuine

Effects of a Uniform Policy

- Long Beach Unified School District

Advantages:
- Students feel a part of a group
- Can be distinguished from unauthorized visitors (improvement in school safety)

Disadvantages:
- Schools not wearing uniforms have higher test scores
- No correlation between behavior and middle school students
- Middle and high school test scores plummeted after implementation

The Effects of Bullying on Students, Families, Teachers, and Schools

Victims:
- Anxiety, depression, school or social phobia, and psychosomatic symptoms

Bullies:
- Increase in criminal behaviors and more likely to drink or do drugs

Overlap of effects that bullies and victims have

Affecting school: implementation of anti-bullying