



## **Executive Summary**

### **Inside the School Online Seminar: *Middle School Classroom Management***

Learn how to keep your students on task and involved in learning.

Middle school students can present a challenge in terms of attention and behavior. Teachers often struggle to keep students in line and on task. In order for teachers to have control of their classroom, they must understand what issues their students face at this time in their lives and use techniques to get them involved in classroom learning and activities.

*Middle School Classroom Management* is a 60-minute online seminar that focuses on middle school classroom management strategies designed to help students succeed academically amidst their preoccupations with typical adolescent concerns about physical growth, maturity, and social issues. The strategies are designed to help students connect with your class, stay on task, and feel comfortable expressing their ideas in a safe environment.

#### **After participating in this seminar you will be able to:**

- Identify issues important to middle schoolers
- Design classes to minimize the impact of this age group's diminished attention span
- Use specific strategies to minimize disruptive behavior
- Use strategies that help students connect with their class

#### **About the Presenter: Suzanne Tingley**

Suzanne Tingley began her career in education by teaching English in Paraguay, South America as a Peace Corps Volunteer. She was a high school and middle school English teacher and Department Chair for 10 years before becoming the Academic Dean at a private school. Returning to public education 5 years later, she served as an elementary school principal for 3 years and then became a superintendent of schools, retiring in January 2008 after 15 years in that position.

Tingley has published over 60 articles in education journals including seven Commentaries in *Education Week*, the education journal of record. One of her essays was included in *The Last Word: The Best Commentary in American Education* (Education Week Press 2007).

She is an adjunct professor for the State University of New York in the Department of Education Administration and was recognized by the university with an award for her "unique contributions" to the program. She is an "Outstanding Administrator Award" recipient, given by the New York State School Library Association. In 2007 she was named a "Woman of Distinction" by the New York State Senate. She has served on many boards, including the Board of Trustees of the local college.

She has taught many workshops and seminars and currently works as an education writer and consultant. Her book, *How to Handle Difficult Parents: A Teacher's Survival Guide* (Cottonwood Press

2006) received very favorable national reviews and was praised by nationally syndicated columnist John Rosemond in his column shortly after the book appeared.

She holds a BA from The Ohio State University and an MS from the State University of New York at Oswego.

**Presentation Date/Time:** The 60-minute seminar will be pre-recorded before the date of the event, so you can watch it at your convenience. The seminar will be available to view anytime on-demand **March 22, 2010 through March 28, 2010.**

**How does an online seminar work?**

An **Inside the School** online seminar is delivered entirely over the Internet. No telephone connection is needed. You simply connect to a private link that will be emailed to you and access the seminar online through your computer. The seminar is presented in a special browser window that features a slide show presentation in one panel and sound and playback controls in another panel.

The seminar can be viewed on a single computer screen or be projected onto a larger one for a group setting.

**What is included in the \$199 registration price?**

All **Inside the School** seminars are priced per school, not per person. Yes, you read that correctly – your entire school can receive this great training for one flat low price! The registration price includes access to the seminar and useful handouts that you can copy and distribute to all the teachers at your school.

And not only that, but because we understand the chaotic schedules teachers often endure, we leave the seminar link up for one full week, so you can access it at your convenience. You can watch it during your preparation hours at school or even from your own home.

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