

TEACHER SEMINAR:

Title: Personalized Classroom Management:
Meeting Diverse Student Needs

Speaker: Athena

Summary:

This seminar aims to equip educators with comprehensive strategies for effective classroom management, tailored to meet the diverse needs of every student. Athena will share her proven methods for maintaining order, engaging students, and fostering an inclusive learning environment. Participants will learn practical techniques to address common challenges such as student disruptions, late arrivals, homework management, and supporting absent students. The session will also cover time management tips and organizational strategies beneficial for both teachers and students.

Outline:

1. Introduction to Effective Classroom Management
2. Strategies to Maintain Order and Organization
 - Techniques to minimize disruptions (talking, walking around, leaving class)
 - Managing late students and tracking homework completion
 - Handling absences and ensuring missed work completion
3. Personalized Learning Approaches
 - Reaching diverse learners: strategies and adaptations
4. Time Management for Teachers
 - Balancing instructional time and administrative tasks
 - Strategies for efficient classroom transitions
5. Organization Tips for Teachers and Students
 - Tools and methods for staying organized
 - Creating systems for student accountability and support

Outcome:

Participants will leave with practical tools and strategies to enhance their classroom management skills, creating a more structured, engaging, and inclusive learning environment. They will be empowered to implement these techniques immediately, leading to improved student behavior, increased academic engagement, and more effective teaching practices.

Post-Seminar Add-Ons:

Following the seminar, Athena will offer:

- Classroom observations to provide personalized feedback.
- One-on-one meetings to address specific questions and challenges.
- Continued support and resources to help educators implement and refine strategies.

Who is Athena?

Athena began her career as a high school math teacher at just 22 years old, equipped with a BA in Mathematics, a Master's in Special Education, and 60 credits towards a PhD in Math. Her AP of Mathematics quickly noticed her exceptional teaching and classroom management skills, remarking that she taught better than teachers with three decades of experience. Athena excels in maintaining classroom order and crafting individualized plans to meet the diverse needs of all learners. Her effectiveness was consistently recognized with high ratings, establishing her as a model teacher not only in her school but throughout her district. Educators from across New York State visited Athena's classroom to observe and learn from her best practices.



Athena's expertise extends to creating innovative calculator hacks that not only improved state exam scores for general education students but also achieved remarkable results in her 15:1 self-contained classroom, where she taught students with varying intellectual abilities. Her success prompted her AP of Special Education to mandate visits to her classroom for new teachers.

For a decade, during her holiday breaks, Athena meticulously hand-graded over 10,000 state exams. This experience provided invaluable insights into the challenges faced by students statewide. By analyzing historical exam data, Athena identified patterns and developed predictive strategies, including her pioneering calculator hacks, which preemptively decoded exams to support student success.

Known for her ability to transform struggling students' academic trajectories, Athena's classroom became a refuge for those needing mid-year academic support. Students who had previously struggled in other classes saw dramatic improvements in their state

exam scores under Athena's tutelage, often achieving scores that soared from around 30 to over 85.

Recognizing her impact, her AP regularly transferred failing students into Athena's class, confident in her ability to help them succeed.

Now, Athena shares her insights and best teaching practices by speaking at schools, empowering other educators to reach every student effectively.

Certifications

- California Single Subject Teaching Credential in Mathematics, Grades Pre-school-12th and Adults
- California Special Education/Education Specialist/Extensive Support Needs
New York State Initial Teacher Certification in Mathematics, Grades 7-12
Mathematics 5 to 6 extension
- Students with Disabilities Initial Teacher Certification Grades 7-12 Generalist
Students with Disabilities Initial Extension Annotation in Mathematics Grades 7-12
- Special Education Initial Extension Annotation in Severe or Multiple Disabilities Grades Pre K-12
- Michigan Professional Teaching Certificate, K-12 Learning Disabilities (SM)
- Michigan Professional Teaching Certificate, 6-12 Mathematics (EX)
- State of North Carolina Professional Teaching Certificate, Mathematics 6-12
- State of North Carolina Professional Teaching Certificate, K-12 Learning Disabilities
- South Carolina Teaching Professional Certification, Mathematics Higher Education
- South Carolina Teaching Professional Certification, Mathematics Mid Level
- South Carolina Teaching Professional Certification, Special Education: Multi-Catagorical

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Athena's Certifications, References and Teacher Evaluations available upon request.