

The Teacher Talk Advantage



The Five Voices of Effective Teaching

- Practical strategies and verbal skills that enable educators to walk confidently into their classrooms and deal effectively with the everyday challenges and stress that come with being a professional educator.
- Verbal skills that create responsible, caring, conscious students.
- A style of communication that will give teachers tools to motivate and inspire.

Mission Statement

It is our intention to help educators acquire verbal skills to create the classroom they desire and become the professional educator they always wanted to be. We want to assist them to transform their classrooms by creating a culture of mutual respect, responsibility, and self-motivated learning.

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The Teacher Talk Advantage is a style of communicating with students that creates emotionally, intellectually, and physically healthy classroom environments. It is a skill-based program that teaches educators a series of verbal skills and language patterns to help them achieve their desired objective of sustained student growth in both behavior and academics.

There is an undeniable link between the words educators speak and the attitudes and outcomes students create in their lives. Your choice of words and your communication style are critical to the self-esteem, emotional health, and personal empowerment of your students. By intentionally selecting words and language patterns that build autonomy and responsibility, you can empower your students and enhance their effectiveness as capable, responsible, productive students and caring human beings.

- Learn words that empower, uplift, and affirm.
- Learn phrases that motivate and inspire.
- Learn sentences that reduce power struggles and learned helplessness.
- Learn ways of speaking that build relationship through the use of empathy, understanding, and mutual respect.
- Learn verbal skills that teach personal responsibility.
- Learn words that encourage students to become proficient at self-examination and self-evaluation.
- Learn verbal skills necessary to help students make decisions and find their own solutions.

The Teacher Talk Advantage Features

Practical and motivational:

Participants get inspiration as well as concrete ideas to use immediately.

Research-based:

All Teacher Talk Advantage seminars are based on solid educational research.

Skill oriented:

Each session delivers skills to participants so they can in turn teach skills to their students.

Keyed to implementation:

Designed to prepare participants to immediately implement the strategies presented.

THE TEACHER TALK ADVANTAGE: WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITIES

Full Day Presentation

This six-hour presentation helps an entire staff develop shared cognitions, a mutual language, and Teacher Talk techniques that can be implemented uniformly throughout the school. It is designed to help staff become skilled at defusing and handling anger, using effective praise, communicating expectations, and holding students accountable without wounding their spirit. Verbal skills that greatly reduce inappropriate behaviors, encourage difficult-to-motivate students, and teach respect and responsibility are included. This one-day seminar equips staff with the skills necessary to return to the classroom with an important and positive verbal advantage when working with their students.

Facilitator Training

This three-day skill-based training helps local facilitators teach educators how to use verbal skills to create responsible, motivated, achieving students. It includes techniques to assist trainers in learning communication strategies that revolve around the Five Voices of Effective Teaching: Structure, Nurture, Teaching, Debriefing, and Accountability. Participants learn training strategies that allow them to teach the Teacher Talk Advantage with expertise and confidence. Ongoing technical assistance is provided to all graduates.

The facilitator training is designed to prepare local trainers to skillfully present the Teacher Talk Advantage to educators in their school district. Materials included with training are a facilitator's manual, PowerPoint slides, participant workbooks, DVD, evaluation forms, logos, and the hardcover Teacher Talk Advantage book.

Three-Day Staff Training

Includes more material than the one-day session, more skill practice, and debriefing of the previous session. This training can occur in three back-to-back days or be spread out throughout the year. Includes a price break for multiple days.

Book Study Group

The Teacher Talk Advantage Book Study Kit

This study kit includes a hardback copy of *The Teacher Talk Advantage*. You will have access to the *Teacher Talk Advantage* Book Study web site where you can download:

1. A copy of your workbook.
2. Audio recordings by authors Chick Moorman and Thomas Haller introducing each section of the book study, posing questions, suggesting discussion topics, and giving clarifying information.
3. 300 Teacher Talk Quick Tips.

In this book study kit you are invited to read, discuss, and make journal entries on the important concepts covered. If you are part of a book study group you will have regularly scheduled meetings and discuss many of the topics with your colleagues. If you are doing the study kit alone you can create a pace of study that works best for you. You can go as fast or as slow as you choose. Whether you are doing this alone or with a group, the end goal is successful implementation of the ideas and concepts being presented.

By ordering the Building Level Kit you obtain the right to copy all materials for your staff and the codes that enable your team to access the audio recordings.

The Teacher Talk Advantage Products:

***THE TEACHER TALK
ADVANTAGE: Five Voices of
Effective Teaching***

(hardcover book) by Chick Moorman and
Thomas Haller
(\$24.95)

***TEACHER TALK: What It Really
Means***

(paperback book) by Chick Moorman
and Nancy Weber (\$15.00)

***SPIRIT WHISPERERS: Teachers Who
Nourish a Child's Spirit***

(hardcover book) by Chick Moorman
(\$24.95)

***THE ONLY THREE DISCIPLINE
STRATEGIES YOU WILL EVER NEED:
Essential Tools for Busy Parents***

(paperback book) by Chick Moorman and
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