

## Redirection Ideas

The goal is to refocus the student and/or get them to stop disruptive behavior - all without interrupting what the class is doing. In each case, don't stop to make a big deal. Instead, continue teaching as you employ these simple redirections, taking only the smallest of breaks to address the student, if needed.

1. Walk to the student's desk as you teach. Pause to whisper a quiet reminder, then continue teaching as you walk away.
2. Teach your students hand signals for things like quiet, sit down, thank you, yes, no, etc.
3. Walk towards the student and stand near them as you teach.
4. Give a knowing smile and/or a questioning look.
5. Ask the student to help you with something or run a quick errand.
6. Pause your lesson mid-sentence and give "the look."
7. Ask the student a question that re-engages them. (The goal is not to embarrass them.)
8. Whisper quietly, "How can I help?"
9. If the student is distracted by something else, walk to their desk and double-tap the item you want them to put away. Give a smile and/or look, all without stopping teaching.
10. Ask the student to move to a new location.