

## **MOTIVATING THE UNMOTIVATED STUDENT**

Lack of student motivation is one of the biggest problems that educators face. For years teachers have tried to manipulate student motivation with rewards and punishments. There are more than one hundred research studies that demonstrate that external rewards and punishments can actually undermine a student's intrinsic motivation. Intrinsic motivation is choosing to do an activity for no other reason than the satisfaction of doing the activity itself. If rewards and punishment are not effective in creating intrinsic motivation what can educators do? Although motivation is an internal process (you can not motivate another person) the good news is that educators can create conditions in the classroom that can foster motivation in students. In this workshop you will learn how to create the conditions in your classroom that will fuel student's natural desire to achieve for the sake of achieving.

There is no one reason that students are unmotivated so there is no one solution to motivating your students. For every unmotivated student there could be numerous reasons for his/her lack of motivation. In this workshop, we will examine 12 of the main reasons that students are unmotivated and learn over 50 simple strategies to incorporate into the classroom that can promote intrinsic motivation.

## **Motivating the Unmotivated Student Outline**

- Things I can and Can't Change
- Students are Different Schools are the Same
- Twelve characteristics of Unmotivated Students
- Encourage Parent Involvement
- Fueling Intrinsic Motivation
- Building a Caring Relationships
- Develop an affirming Attitude
- Creating an Environment of Motivation
- Empowering Students to Think Positively about their Future
- Recognizing the Emotional Needs of Students
- Addressing the Needs of Students with Disabilities
- Teach Students the Way they Learn
- Helping Students Set Goals
- Discipline with Respect
- Alternatives to Punishment