

What's Your Style?

Teachers who were asked to "profile" colleagues with the fewest disciplinary problems and those with the most came up with the following lists. Do you see yourself?

MOST CAPABLE DISCIPLINARIANS

- Non-combative
- Consistent
- Has clear expectations
- Fair
- Authoritarian
- Patient
- Well-organized
- Tolerant of frustration
- Creative

AND THOSE WHO STRUGGLE

- Easily intimidated or defensive
- Scared of faculty, principals, and parents
- Lacking creative problem-solving skills
- Makes threats but doesn't follow through
- Tendency to let problems slide
- "Plays games" with children's behavior.

Source: NEA's "I Can Do It" Classroom Management training module.