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How to Motivate the Unmotivated Learner: Classroom First Responder Series

Motivating the unmotivated student can seem at times like an unsolvable riddle. This workshop is designed for any teacher, behavioral consultant, or school administrator in grades 3-12 who wants to better understand the complexities of motivation and access practical strategies to ignite student interest and engagement in school. Participants will learn about these 6 most common reasons for poor motivation:

- The student cannot do the assigned work.
- The 'response effort' needed to complete the assigned work seems too great.
- Classroom instruction does not engage.
- The student fails to see an adequate pay-off for doing the assigned work.
- The student has low self-efficacy—lack of confidence that he or she can do the assigned work.
- The student lacks a positive relationship with the teacher.

The training will provide a collection of pragmatic strategies to challenge each motivational blocker and promote student engagement and motivation. Additionally, participants will receive a Student Motivation Best-Practices Checklist that they can use to assess the motivation power of their classrooms.