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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:

1. The student cannot do the assigned work.
2. The 'response effort' needed to complete the assigned work seems too great.
3. Classroom instruction does not engage.
4. The student fails to see an adequate pay-off for doing the assigned work.
5. The student has low self-efficacy—lack of confidence that he or she can do the assigned work.
6. 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.