

## Educator – Don't Ever Do this List!

...We've asked ourselves, "Do teachers really need to be told that sending naked pictures to their students is NOT a good idea?" But since it keeps happening, we decided to include a list of things you should just avoid doing, no matter what—at least that way, we can feel certain the message is out there. So, here are some things that are really bad ideas:

Having sex with your students, dating them, sending them explicit messages, and sending or exchanging inappropriate photos. Sometimes even being alone with a single student is risky.

Restraining students, even in jest. Don't tape them to their chairs. Don't tie them in. Don't put tape over their mouths. Remember that things meant to be funny can evolve into real problems.

Isolating students out of your sight. Don't put them in a closet, or under your desk, or anyplace where they could be at risk, get into more trouble, or be forgotten about.

Writing on your students, especially with permanent marker. Students' skin is not a substitute for paper. If you need to make sure a message gets home, figure out a different method.

Shaming your students or humiliating them, especially if they wet or soil themselves. Don't make fun of their bodies, their hair, their clothes, or any other aspect of their person.

Threatening your students or touching them in anger.

Responding aggressively is not okay, no matter what the situation. (Note: Though sometimes educators have to restrain students for safety reasons, they must adhere to strict guidelines.)