Bad Example Student

We have achieved much success in our safety classes with a show-and-tell type situation we invented.

We used the acronym T.A.B. (Treat each firearm as if it were loaded, Always control your muzzle and Be sure of your target and beyond) to create a fictitious character by the name of Tab Hunter. This individual is prearranged to attend a classroom session. We make up some explanation to our students regarding this individual's reason for attending (for example, a judge sentenced him here because of a game law violation). To be effective, this individual should be dressed in faded orange, an oxobious T-shirt, be unshaven and a know-it-all. The character should be a physical example of everything an ethical, sincere hunter is not! Loud, disruptive and verbal are excellent qualities for the bad-example student to be in class. The instructor, after confronting a series of issues with the character, should politely ask the person to leave!

We ask our students to address the areas they felt were not appropriate. It's amazing how they pick up on every little item this character mentions. The program is entertaining, educational and tends to show by example. Most importantly, it's extremely effective and the students enjoy it!

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Video Testing

If you are looking for help when it is time to test students, then look no further. My answer for test time help is to make a video with the forest as a background and myself reading the test in the video. As the video test version runs on the monitor, I watch for a student raising his hand. I am free to go over and aid the student needing attention. This method frees me to grade tests and gives the students waiting to have their tests graded something to watch.

The television can be turned around if the students get too involved with the video, but they can still hear the test being given. If you have classes of up to 80 students as I do, you will like the results.

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