

The First Days of School What's Different About the New 4th Edition

There's a new look for every teacher's best friend and valuable resource.

It is still the most basic book in education on



1. how to manage a classroom,
2. how to teach for learning and achievement, and
3. how to have positive expectations.

The content and research have been updated; there are more examples; there's a new cover; and there's a new implementation DVD included with the book.

The common sense classroom techniques that have always worked and will work in the future are still in the book.

So, What's New With the 4th Edition?

1. The number of chapters devoted to procedures has increased from one to two. Studies continue to show that procedures are that important to get established in the classroom.
2. There's a new chapter on assessment to keep students on track with their own learning.
3. There's a new chapter on professional learning teams and how they are used for increased student achievement.
4. There's a new chapter for practicing or potential administrators with guidance on how to implement *The First Days of School* in a school setting.

A Comparison of Chapter Titles in Editions (Changes Are in Color)

3 rd Edition Chapter Titles	4 th Edition Chapter Titles
Unit A – Basic Understandings	Unit A – Basic Understandings
1 Why You Need to Succeed on the First Days of School	1 Why You Need to Succeed on the First Days of School
2 What Is an Effective Teacher?	2 What Is an Effective Teacher?
3 How You Can Be a Happy First-Year Teacher	3 How You Can Be a Happy First-Year Teacher
4 How You Can Be an Effective Veteran Teacher	4 How to Close the Student Achievement Gap
5 Why You Should Use Proven, Research-Based Practices	5 Why You Should Use Proven, Research-Based Practices
Unit B – Positive Expectations	Unit B – Positive Expectations
6 Why Positive Expectations Are Important	6 Why Positive Expectations Are Important
7 How to Help All Students Succeed	7 How to Help All Students Succeed
8 How to Dress for Success	8 How to Dress for Success
9 How to Invite Students to Learn	9 How to Invite Students to Learn
10 How to Increase Positive Student Behavior	10 How to Increase Positive Student Behavior
Unit C – Classroom Management	Unit C – Classroom Management
11 How to Have a Well-Managed Classroom	11 How to Have a Well-Managed Classroom
12 How to Have Your Classroom Ready	12 How to Have Your Classroom Ready
13 How to Introduce Yourself to Your Class	13 How to Introduce Yourself to Your Class
14 How to Arrange and Assign Seating	14 How to Arrange and Assign Seating
15 How to Post Your Assignments	15 How to Start a Class Effectively
16 When and How to Take Roll	16 When and How to Take Roll
17 How to Maintain an Effective Grade Record Book	17 How to Maintain an Effective Grade Record System
18 How to Have an Effective Discipline Plan: Rules	18 How to Have an Effective Discipline Plan
19 How to Have an Effective Discipline Plan: Consequences and Rewards	19 How to Teach Students to Follow Classroom Procedures
20 How to Have Students Follow Classroom Procedures	20 How Procedures Improve the Opportunity to Learn

Unit D – Lesson Mastery	Unit D – Lesson Mastery
21 How to Increase Student Learning and Achievement 22 How to Get Your Students to Do Their Assignments 23 How to Get Your Students to Pass Their Tests 24 How to Get Your Student to Work Cooperatively	21 How to Create an Effective Assignment 22 How to Test for Student Learning 23 How to Assess for Student Learning 24 How to Enhance Student Learning
Unit E – The Professional	Unit E – The Professional
25 How to Achieve Happiness and Success as a Teacher 26 How You Can Become a Professional Educator	25 How to Be a Teacher–Leader
Extras	Extras
Epilogue (No Title) Enhanced CD “Never Cease to Learn”	Epilogue How to Develop a Culture of Effective Teachers DVD “Using THE FIRST DAYS OF SCHOOL”

5. **Access to more examples is provided with “GoBe” folders—inviting readers to dig deeper by Going Beyond the basic information presented in the book. The information is stored in folders at the www.EffectiveTeaching.com website.**
6. **A free DVD, “Using THE FIRST DAYS OF SCHOOL,” is presented by Chelonnda Seroyer as she shares how she implements the book in her classroom. Voted teacher-of-the-year, Chelonnda Seroyer never looked back after her first day of school. She spent two months poring through the book and used it as a guide for organizing her first day of school.**
7. **The suggested retail price has increased from \$29.95 to \$32.95. But the publisher-direct price is still the same—\$24.95.**

[Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#)

Q: Are the previous editions still useful?

A: The 4th edition supersedes all previous editions.

Q: Can I still use my old lesson plans?

A: Of course. The concepts in the chapters are still the same. However, it is recommended you check your lesson plans against this edition to verify your notes. There have been some page changes and new examples added.

Q: What happened to the Enhanced CD, *Never Cease to Learn*, that was free in the 3rd edition?

A: It is now available for purchase as a DVD with additional features.

Q: How can I get a copy of the new DVD “Using THE FIRST DAYS OF SCHOOL” without buying the new edition?

A: The DVD with Chelonnda Seroyer is only available free with the purchase of the 4th edition of *The First Days of School*.

Q: Can I show the DVD, “Using THE FIRST DAYS OF SCHOOL” in my classes?

A: Yes, we highly recommend that you do. It shows how a first-year teacher implements the information in the book.

Q: Can I broadcast “Using THE FIRST DAYS OF SCHOOL” on a university network?

A: Each case is handled on an individual basis. Please contact our office with your proposed use and we will either grant you the right to use it free of charge or offer you a license for a fee for its continuous, wide-spread use. Seldom will we deny the broadcast of this program.

Q: Can I use the 4th edition of the book with your Classroom Management eLearning course?

A: *Classroom Management with Harry and Rosemary Wong* is correlated to the 3rd edition of *The First Days of School*. We highly recommend you have access to the 3rd edition of the book while taking the course. Copies of the 3rd edition are available at a discount when you purchase the course.

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