

# Secret Student

Secret student is when a student is picked as secret student at the end of the day, so that they may receive a prize for good behavior and making good choices. A secret student sign would be placed in a high area (on white board) for all students to see. The teacher will explain to the students that the secret student is picked by someone who is making good choices. This will motivate students to want to be the secret student. Also, while students are not making good choices the teacher can remind them that a secret student makes good choices.

## How to use

### 1. Beginning of day

If first time using secret student, the teacher must explain that a secret student will be picked at the end of the day by the good choices that they make during the day. When a secret student is picked, they will be allowed to obtain a prize for the day. Once the students understand the secret student concept then the teacher can start the day by simply say "I wonder who will be the secret student today?"

### 2. During the day

Although remind the students of secret student characteristics to redirect misbehavior, it can also be used during the day to positively reinforced good choices. As students are not making good choices such as throwing paper the teacher reminds the students that a secret student does not throw paper.

### 3. Revealing the secret student

At the end of the day the teacher will pick who the secret student will be. At this point they can build up to reveal the secret student by saying some of the things the student did well in class. When the student is picked the rest of the class should congratulate the effort of the secret student. Also, the teacher will remind the students that they will start again tomorrow. The teacher should make sure that not the same student is picked as secret student.

## When to use

Some of the opportunities when secret student would be beneficial are:

- When a student is displaying wanted behavior such as being too loud.
- When a student is making good choices to reinforce their behavior.
- Secret student can be used daily and if the whole class had a bad day the teacher can tell class that the secret student didn't have a good day and hopefully they will have a better day tomorrow.

## Variations

### Random secret student

Instead of waiting to see which student deserves to be secret student at the end of the day they can be randomly selected. The name of the randomly selected student will be placed behind the secret student sign. If the randomly selected student is having a bad day then teacher does not share name and simply tells class that the secret student had a bad day and hope that tomorrow they will have a better day.

### **Secret student and super stars**

The secret student will be selected the same as the original secret student by seeing who made good choices for the day. This time the teacher will add five additional students who also showed to make good choices and those will be named the super stars of the day. The super stars will receive praise for their behavior. To make it more exciting for the students the teacher can randomly pick one day of the week where the super stars will also receive a prize.