

## **Nine Lives: Escalation: Hooks of**

Some cat students come to school on a fishing expedition. They want to bait adults into confrontation. There are two hooks that will reel us into escalation: making eye contact and attempting to manage verbally. The less verbal we are, the less the cat student has something to retort to. Understanding the Hooks of Escalation is a must for teachers of adolescents.

Using the hooks of escalation can often escalate a problem that could have been managed into one involving discipline. Discuss a student you are currently (or have in the past) disciplining that you could get away with managing. How did you get “hooked?” Is it the verbal? Eye contact?

Choose a student you are getting hooked with. Make a decision to stay away from eye contact and verbal and to manage through nonverbal cues. Describe the results: