

## Class Management “Positions” Song

*Hickory Christian Academy*

*Hickory, NC*

(sung to “Frère Jacques”)

Position 1, position 1;	Position 3, position 3,
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Arms on desk,	Standing straight,
Hands together;	Hands by my side;
I can learn better, I can learn better.	Speak out loud, speak out loud.
Position 2, position 2,	Position 4, position 4,
Position 2, position 2;	Position 4, position 4;
Chair is back,	I can relax,
Hands in lap;	My teacher shares the facts;
Ready to stand, ready to stand.	My class behaves great!
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Comments from **Hickory Christian Academy**: When I taught kindergarten, I found the students needed a little something to help motivate them while moving to a new learning position. The song helped solidify just what to do until the students could obey the “position command” right away. (This is also a great review of learning positions for other grammar grades.) At the time, I was a new grammar teacher at Hickory Christian Academy. Some of our faculty traveled to Cary, NC, to learn more about teaching in a classical environment. I learned so many wonderful ideas. I observed the learning position commands at Cary Christian School. Then, I put together a little song to help my “kinders” enjoy the task of coming to attention.

“Position 1” is best for students sitting in desks or at tables to have them attend to the teacher and not play with items in their desk.

“Position 2” is used when teaching students to stand to answer. They do not have to deal with pushing the chair in and out since everyone is in the position to stand when their name is called.

“Position 3” is perfect for working on chants and sound-offs. The students are reminded that they must have sound quality when speaking.

“Position 4” is a relaxed position used to allow students to listen and learn while sitting at their desks. Students are quickly called back to “Position 1” if several are not attending as they should.

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