Ok, I have a question! I teach 7th and 8th. When my students use the sergers they constantly come undone. I feel like when I use them I could serge all day. And then for some reason, my students can’t handle them. I don’t think they are trying to

 mess them up, but they do. I don’t know if its my threading or not. I just find it a waste when I have to re thread them all hour. I’m sure I’m the only one with this problem, but any advice would be awesome!!

In Junior High I use to put up a sign on each machine "Leave presser foot down" and I had serger rules posted that I would go over when there were problems. They included "Tell Mrs. Kezerian when something is wrong with the machine - like unthreaded - or needle broken. I gave extra credit to students that learned how to thread the machine so I could ask for their help when one came unthreaded. It's more of a challenge in Junior High but leaving the foot down and leaving a 3" tail of thread are probably the biggest help. (No pins by the serger too.)

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You are not the only one. I had a lot more trouble with sergers when I taught Jr. High because the kids are just so antsy and distracted all the time. I teach my high school students to thread the sergers before they can use them. If they do something to unthread they have to rethread. That usually only happens once and then they're more careful.

First, if you can, spend the extra pennies to buy good quality thread. It is worth your time and sanity. Then check the thread tension for each spool and make sure it's even. Instructions are in the owner's manual. If you still aren't sure how, it's worth having a vendor or repair person out to check and more importantly teach you how to adjust everything. Finally never let them serge without the thread guides lifted up.

The things that usually cause the most trouble are all technique. First insist that the students leave a 4-6 inch chain so threads do not pull back into the machine. ?

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