

## TEACHING LEARNERS TO BE ON TOP OF THEIR GAME

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Meaningful education takes place when learners can realize their full potential to the fullest!

No matter what it is, learners should be helped by teachers to actualize their potentials and use them meaningfully in various ways. Excellence should be a culture that must be ingrained in the hearts and minds of the learners to make them transcend to a higher level of competence and apply what they have learned in the classrooms and school environment to real-life situations.

At an early age or stage, teachers must help learners realize what they can do and address their academic challenges. Once fully empowered, learners themselves can manage their learning and be responsible decision-makers. No matter how long the process may take, learners must be guided by teachers, parents, and other education stakeholders to hone the competencies they would need to succeed in various academic and life challenges.

Here are some of the best and viable ways to help learners be on top of their game:

Help the learners profile and understand their performance using SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) analysis.

Provide learners the opportunity to manage their learning (e.g., task scheduling, time management, problem resolution, etc.).

Provide positive and constructive feedback to learners' performances and outputs.

Make learning activities, resources, environments, and contents inclusive and differentiated.

Stimulate learners' interests through interactive and integrative activities.

Help learners establish routines and discipline in everything that they do.

Help learners come up with realistic and doable learning goals.

Make learners find meaning and purpose in every learning opportunity.

Help learners be confident in presenting, critiquing, and refining their ideas through independent and collaborative activities.

Engage learners in friendly, constructive, and informative debates.

Gone are the days when learners are spoon-fed, and teachers are the sole source of information in the classroom. Teachers must maximize every opportunity to instill independence and responsibility among the learners. Nowadays, learners can be the source of information, and learners themselves can manage the learning activities assigned to them with little assistance from the teachers.

Indeed, as Berwick (2021) has pointed out, teachers nowadays must create opportunities for the learners to uncover their passion and make a civic impact, either personally or virtually. If teachers bring the aces in the teaching profession, they can produce the best and most talented learners that the present world desperately needs.

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