

EMBRACING THE TEACHER-ARTIST WITHIN: TEACHING MAPEH EFFECTIVELY IN DIVERSE CLASSROOMS

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A common cliché says that one cannot give what he doesn't have. Though it is acknowledged that students could be better than their mentors, it's also true that teachers who are proficient in their respective crafts could better deliver effective instruction. As much as teachers need to step off the podium to allow their students to shine, they also need to ensure that they can perform on their own.

Similar to an English teacher who has poor communication skills, a MAPEH teacher who is not equipped with the necessary skills might result in a loss of confidence in the teacher's competency. Teaching music for instance might be a piece of cake when one knows about every concept related to the subject, yet, not being able to hit a tune or play a single instrument could be detrimental in terms of being able to motivate the students to even hum or pluck a guitar.

It is thus essential to explore our inner talents and abilities that we might have not discovered yet. Some skills could be learned and all it might take is the determination to acquire them and turn them into something valuable for our profession. Being able to showcase our passion for the arts, music or sports might also inspire learners to delve deeper into their fields of excitement and motivation.

However, we should remember that teaching effectively doesn't require perfection as we can incorporate other aspects to achieve this goal of discovering the artist within us. Technology, for instance, can be used to tweak our terrible tunes and turn them into

beautiful melodies. Also, digital art can be utilized to create masterpieces without using an actual canvas.

Furthermore, resourcefulness might be the key if one doesn't have what it takes to carry out a tune or even draw a perfect stroke. You might know someone whose areas of expertise are the ones mentioned beforehand. Invite them and let them tell their story while sharing their capability with the class. This will not only lead to appreciation but also the inspiration for the learners to explore, enrich and excel. As teachers, this is our ultimate purpose – guiding our students as they discover what they are made of and what they are truly capable of.

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