

RESPECT: NOT JUST IN WORDS BUT IN DEED

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It is impossible to overstate the significance of respect in the classroom. It is just as effective a catalyst for change as a novel computer application or an outstanding educator. A lack of respect can be extremely harmful, entirely undermining the goal of education as well as the process of teaching and learning. It would appear that in recent years, a "respectful learning atmosphere" has become virtually non-existent in many schools because of the widespread misconduct and unethical videos on social media. Some studies show that some characteristics of the millennials are attention seekers that social media just become their platforms doing ridiculous challenges that trend on the internet. Also, some are done on school premises and sometimes teachers are the ones who are being bullied or disrespected just for the sake of views, fame, and friendship.

Addition on there is a small number of news items published each day that focus on the disrespect that is shown toward teachers by kids, parents, and even fellow instructors. Sadly, traffic can travel in both directions on this roadway. You can't turn around without hearing a tale about a professor or other educator who abused their position in some way. This is a depressing fact that requires quick action to be taken.

But it's always a give-and-take scenario when talking about the word respect. If educators do not model respectful behavior toward their charges, it is unreasonable to expect pupils to respect them and to do so themselves. It's crucial for teachers to not only talk about respect frequently but also show it regularly in the classroom. When a teacher fails to show respect for their pupils, it not only undermines their authority but also erects a natural barrier that makes it more difficult for pupils to learn. When teachers act outside

the scope of their authority, the learning environment in which they are placed is not conducive to student success. The encouraging news is that the vast majority of educators treat their pupils with respect consistently.

A few decades ago, educators were held in high esteem for their significant achievements. Those happier times appear to be a thing of the past. It used to be that teachers were given the benefit of the doubt. If a student received a low grade, it was usually because the student did not fulfill the responsibilities that were expected of them in the classroom. It is common practice these days to place the responsibility for a student's poor performance on the instructor. With the limited amount of time they have with their kids, teachers are only able to accomplish so much. It is simple for members of society to point the finger of blame at educators and use them as scapegoats. It is indicative of a larger culture that lacks respect for all teachers.

Moreover, teachers and students both benefit greatly when showing respect is considered the norm rather than the exception. It's much easier to keep and recruit great teachers when kids are expected to behave respectfully in the classroom. Managing a classroom is something that no educator looks forward to doing. No one can argue with the fact that it is an integral aspect of the educational process. However, teachers are not referred to as classroom managers. It is considerably easier for a teacher's job when they can spend more time teaching their kids rather than reprimanding or monitoring them.

Teachers who treat their kids with respect are more likely to be effective. When an educator makes a bad decision in judgment, the media leaps at the chance to publicize it. Teacher-student relations are frequently referred to as one of the most pressing concerns in education. As a society, we deplore this type of behavior. It is expected of all teachers that their pupils treat them with respect, yet some teachers fail to grasp that this is a two-way street. Educators should always treat their pupils with respect, even when things get heated.

Respect is a key component of the ethics of care, according to Thompson 2018, and it is essential to the long-term success of teachers and students. Such interactions can have a significant impact on student's academic and personal discipline, as well as their ability to learn. The degree of respect children feel for their principals and teachers is influenced by how much they expect their teachers and principals to be respected. Student expectations of what it means to be respected include being given a voice, having their concerns taken into account, and showing concern for students who are performing poorly.

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