

DEVELOPING INDEPENDENT LEARNERS

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In the new modality in teaching and learning, the learners are encouraged to be independent in learning. Teachers should motivate the students to become resilient and self-sufficient in studies.

Initially, the teacher has to instruct the basics. These basic knowledge will be the foundations of the learners. Having the good bases for education would definitely create the sturdiness and steadfastness on the part of the learners which will prepare them in facing future tasks and challenges. The teacher has to inculcate among the learners love for studies. This would boost the interest and passion of the learners to pursue greater tasks along the way. When the love for studying is developed within the learners, they would be able to have the courage in facing school challenges independently.

The teacher has to teach the students to work independently. There is no better way to develop an independent learner than by practicing independence among learners. Giving activities for individual work would certainly transform the learners to be responsible and self-determined. The teacher is expected to instill the notion of initiative. This is teaching the students to be resourceful and to have the willingness to do a certain task. The students who are stimulated to have the drive to do things for a good cause would apparently become independent.

Another way to develop independent learners is to let the students practice critical thinking. With critical thinking the learners are able to think independently and are able to weigh things on their own pace and analysis. Teachers should empower the students. Empowering means letting them feel that they have the potentials and giving them the

opportunities where they develop and grow. Once the students feel that they are empowered, that is the time that they can do things independently. If students are stimulated and inspired to study independently, they may become more responsible in school and in their respective careers someday.

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