

POSITIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT: A KEY TO STUDENTS' BETTER LEARNING ACQUISITION

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Certain ways are needed for effective learning to take place. The most important aspect that it requires is keeping a positive environment for it to be able to continuously transpire. Such fact requires a lot more than the length of time one has spent in the teaching field. Whether new to the profession or not, it would greatly take some time and effort just to get established. Furthermore, the practice it needs requires focus and dedication which seem to be somehow a challenge to the educators since they often deal with lots of responsibilities. In spite of this reality, it is still possible for it to be done with interventions which will be discussed in this article.

Building a positive learning environment also deals with the interference in the emotional aspects of students. It is a part of the process as the everyday encounters inside the classrooms allows the students to experience excitement and all sorts of feelings as they learn new skills. They develop greatly once they are able to unlock different abilities that are required to be used in order to learn a certain topic. On the other hand, negative emotions are also inevitable in the process. Students might get embarrassed about mistakes. Although it is an awful thing for them to feel, it is seemingly impossible to avoid it. Students are also not spared from experiencing the fear of being misunderstood. It is natural for learners to actually not be able to express their thoughts clearly as they are only beginning to know how to do so. However, if a teacher encourages positive emotions inside the classroom, the students will become more eager to explore new things and learn.

Different aspects are to be considered to attain the objective of making the students learn the way most beneficial to them. The aforementioned factors greatly increase their chance of getting demotivated and eventually lose interest in studying. If this is to happen, the teacher must step in and take some measures to mitigate the undesirable effects inflicted to the students until they are able to focus well and enjoy learning. Nevertheless, learners possess positive view points and have many different insights that are just waiting for reinforcements from teachers. Watching over how they feel is also to be considered. The success of creating positivity inside the classroom lies within the correct procedure which would only become possible with the help of correct observation, planning, and execution.

In creating a positive learning environment, it is significant for teachers to build rapport with the students. Students always want a mentor who would guide them in life. A good relationship established inside a classroom paves way for better learning. Once the students feel that the teacher is someone they can rely on and is more than just a professional who educates them technically, they will build trust automatically. This keeps a strong bond between them which also allow the teacher to gain access in their life easily. Teachers also need to show that respect is something that is also given to the students so as to gain active participation from them. These actions provide assurance to the students that they are not just going to school to get taught with basic knowledge contents, but gives them the benefit of getting developed as better individuals in terms of emotion-handling and acting accordingly to every situation there is.

Showing interest in the students' life stories also gives them the feeling of being accepted. It is important in the part of the teacher to listen to what they might say. The sympathy that they acquire from the teacher becomes something that makes them more eager in attending classes. Eventually, when they are able to establish a sense of belongingness, they will become more confident in expressing themselves. This would then lead to the students becoming more participative. The understanding that comes from the teacher

makes a great impact in the development of positive learning environment. It is of the essence to give the learners proper attention as much as possible and keep them at the state where they are comfortable to express themselves in the most appropriate way.

Developing an organized classroom also adds up to the enhancement of the learning environment as it provides structure and predictability for all students. This can help reduce stress levels they are experiencing during difficult activities. Furthermore, it develops discipline among them as they are tasked to maintain its cleanliness and orderliness. A well-prepared physical learning environment not only makes learning fun but also provides motivation among the students as they are able to anticipate the important things that they need to consider and the processes they need to undergo through. Additionally, it has been found out that learners staying in well-organized and structured classrooms demonstrate more on-task behavior and higher academic achievement (Heflin & Alberto, 2001). Failure to maintain a proper physical classroom contributes to the distraction that learners experience. It is very important to keep in mind that approaches are not the only thing that matters in the establishment of positive learning environment. It also needs strategic location and arrangement of materials to be used.

Positive learning environment along with effective learning is always possible to achieve with careful planning and implementation. From proper handling of students to management of physical learning environment, it deals with a lot of “must do” things but guarantees a better situation for both teacher and students alike. It needs certain amount of time but gives assurance that the students’ knowledge acquisition would not end inside the classroom but would also manifest in their actions wherever they go. The main objective here is to produce real educated individuals that know how to use their abilities not only for themselves but for others as well. After all, what everyone wants is a community that is composed of citizens that are not only smart, but also possess right attitude and respect for others.

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