

## ESTABLISHING GOOD RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE LEARNERS

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In general sense, teachers wish that their learners at the end of their studies be achievers. Nevertheless, there is a big challenge that they need to resolve, and seemingly, this is about their concern of having good relationships with their learners, which is one factor that will result to a positive classroom environment. However, there are some hindrances to smoothly establish a good relationship with their students. Apparently, one significant factor in establishing good and positive relationship with the learners is the sizeable number of students per class; wherein the teacher most often resorted to Cooperative learning or Peer teaching techniques rather than individualized teaching, which possibly may develop the learner's increased performance and achievement that may establish a harmonious relationship between the teacher and the learners, since the focus of the student shall be on her teacher and to a particular lesson they are discussing.

Another teacher-learner concern is that not all students are being noticed. Evidently, the student many times feel being neglected, obviously they cannot air or voice out how he or she feels. One way of amending this situation is for the teacher to set out a one-on-one meeting between the teacher and the student especially for those who are 'at risk' or students with behavioral problems. In this set up, the teacher can ask some questions to make the students be relaxed and feel that the teacher is interested in his welfare, such as; the challenges that the student faces in his studies, or his dream for his future, perhaps his favorite subject or the subject area that he dislike most, his family or maybe the teacher's performance or behavior inside or even outside the classroom; but one word of caution, this meeting must be well-structured to have a well-meaning

purpose and result. Likewise, the teacher can ask about the favorite sports of the student at the same time he or she can also talk about some things about her or him.

Inside the classroom, one of the best techniques that a teacher can employ that will make the students feel relaxed is for the teacher to tell some of her unforgettable experiences such as when he or she was caught in the middle of a flood; the time in his or her elementary or high school days, when he or she cannot immediately respond to the question of his or her teacher. and many more. This will certainly produce a conducive classroom environment for the teaching-learning process.

Home visitation is another way to establish a good relationship both with the parents and the students. Visiting the student even without problems is a very timely opportunity to know more of the students through his or her parents or guardian.

There are more ways to establish a good teacher-student relationship as long as both parties are willing to participate and feel at home in school.

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