

TEACHING AS A PROFESSION

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The environment is ever-changing. With that, teachers are expected to meet the learners' diverse demands, and that makes teaching a demanding and complex profession. Society has known teachers who stand in front of the class, deliver the lesson, and give assessments. Little did they know that what teachers do are more than what they can see in their eyes.

Teachers have an enormous responsibility to develop skilled humans, which is significant for the progress and development of society. Yet, there are numerous issues that need to be addressed in teaching-learning as well as in curriculum development. With this, teachers should receive the appropriate assistance and support that they need in their profession (Erturk, 2013). Moreover, teachers play a dual role when it comes to education policy. Their profession and behaviors every day are subject to ongoing policy development and at the same time act as autonomous, self-reflective professionals who deliver the educational policy in schools.

One of the crucial functions of teachers in society is the development of students' personalities. The most effective tool a teacher has for influencing personality is good presentation models. There are three things a teacher can do to support a solid, wholesome personality. First, the classroom setting should be relaxed and encouraging for pupils to feel at ease. The instructor will motivate the students to succeed and thrive in such a situation. Second, educators should never underestimate the value of a sound sense of self. The final suggestion is that educators show students what adult behavior, attitudes, and values look like. It is believed that if a teacher demonstrates empathy to

their students, the kids will pick it up and do the same. Students will learn fairness if teachers model it for them.

Despite the challenges, teaching is a rewarding career. Not only do teachers inspire others but also inspire themselves to be the best version of themselves. Teachers make a positive impact on society by being an influence on future generations. Additionally, if you're a teacher, you're an endless learner. Whether a teacher is inside or outside the classroom, teachers continue to seek improvement and do things to grow their skills, knowledge, and career. People sometimes think of their purpose in life, whether it could be in service to others, then being a teacher is one of the answers to that. If you think you're passionate about serving and helping students achieve their wildest dreams, then you're meant to be a part of the teaching profession.

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