

## TRAITS OF AN EFFECTIVE TEACHER

by:

**MARIFI B. FRANCISCO**

*Teacher III Bangkal Resettlement Elementary School, SDO Abucay Annex*

There are certain traits that teachers must possess to be considered effective. With this ever-changing world where technology is almost at its peak, young generation may challenge us in our day-to-day battle.

According to Victor Hernandez, Corpus Christi ISD, Director for Instructional Support, an effective teacher sees every obstacle as an opportunity, every barrier as a stepping stone, and every student as unique, wonderful, and full of promise. They are oblivious to color, gender, age, disability, language, and socioeconomic class. They are devoted, committed, and they love. They are aware that character education is a bigger part of their job than teaching content.

Apart from this, an effective teachers may have the so-called SELFIE.

S-stands for Self-Control. Everybody knows that teaching is a very difficult job. There are many things that teachers have to sacrifice. They are ready to face some problems regarding their pupils, especially now that they are protected by Child Protection Policy. Showing anger is strictly prohibited despite the fact that some pupils are really rude and disrespectful.

E-stands for Educated. Teachers are knowledgeable and skilled. In order to upgrade their knowledge and skills, the teachers are attending seminars and trainings to level up their teaching abilities. Others enroll in master's degrees for their professional growth.

L-stands for Liberated. Liberated teachers are the ones who are allowing their pupils to explore. They are permitting their pupils to discover and develop their talents and abilities. They guide them patiently.

F-stands for Fair and equal. Teachers treat their pupils fairly and equally.

I-stands for Innovative. Teachers who are innovative and resourceful are creative teachers. They are keen observers. They can use materials in their locality for teaching. They can depend on the availability of resources in the community to meet the needs of their pupils.

E-stands for End producer. In every performance by the pupils, there is an end product. Teachers evaluate the activities performed by the pupils to know what are the strengths and weaknesses of their students.

*References:*

The Official Website of DepED Division of Bataan

<https://www.frontlineeducation.com/blog/what-makes-an-effective-teacher/>