

ETHICAL QUALITIES OF A TEACHER

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People have argued over the good-bad or right-wrong characteristics of human behavior since the beginning of time. If a person acts morally, that individual is said to be a decent person. Professionals are regarded to have a high level of trust in one another in an ethical organizational environment with generosity. Although it is a crucial issue in the field of application, it is observed that this issue increases importance, especially in educational environments where there is intense individual interaction, and that there is an increasing interest in this subject in course materials and scientific study. Among the most often studied subjects in this context are ethical issues, ethical teaching practices, and ethical education.

Ethical principles such as professionalism, responsibility, justice, equality, ensuring a healthy and safe environment, honesty, integrity and trust, objectivity, professional commitment and continuous improvement, respect, and effective use of resources should be followed in the teaching profession. Teachers must be fair, consistent, tolerant, strong in communication, prioritize people, and put professional values above personal values. Unethical teachers were defined as persons who discriminate, practice intimidation, behave rudely or violently, act contrary to moral values, violate teaching duties for personal gain, act against the law, and do not fairly evaluate students. Unfortunately, there's a numerous case here in the Philippines that teachers committed unethical practices like bribery, dishonesty, student violence and sexual harassment. Schools cannot be a safe place for students if a teacher consistently commits acts of such behavior.

Future educators are expected to gain an awareness of ethical concepts during their professional development. Because of this, a code of ethics is covered in the tertiary level curriculum. In order to deliver successful instruction, teachers must pay attention to what is right and ethical in their attitudes and behaviors. Likewise, teachers in the profession must reflect the ethical ideals they choose as principles in their attitudes and conduct. Given their responsibilities for educating future generations and enlightening society, teachers have a legitimate place in society's conscience. The teacher is expected to exert effort above and beyond the mechanical procedures connected with the school since they are supposed to be moral role models and make moral judgements. That is why the good practices or self-given efforts put forward by teachers for their students or schools go beyond the school's boundaries and are met with great interest in society.

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