

## TEACHING VALUES CAN EMPOWER YOUNG PEOPLE TO BECOME SUCCESSFUL

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On June 26, 2020, the Department of Education (DepEd) released an official statement, announcing the passage of Republic Act 11476, or the Good Manners and Right Conduct (GMRC) and Values Education Act.

This act is in response to the seeming crisis in character formation among young Filipino people. This aims to make sure that values are instilled in young children that will strengthen their decision-making skills, attitude, and behaviors. Is it, however, as important as other academic subjects and thus worthy of consideration?

In a world of rapidly changing technology and uncertain times, it is critical to have a moral compass that can guide individuals, particularly young people, in the right direction. Values play an essential role in forming a person's character, both in life and in academic pursuits.

Even though each student has their own set of values and ideals inculcated by their families or values they acquired from their environment, teachers in schools provide education and guidance to help students internalize values that are deemed essential in our society, often through role-modeling. This enables students to understand the larger purpose of their values and to develop skills that correspond to their anticipated future roles in the society.

By instilling values, students can become more respectful, disciplined, and focused. A student who has strong values is likely to pursue goals that are in line with their values. They will be more likely to focus on what is important rather than being

distracted by short-term gratification. Similarly, a student with low values is more likely to be distracted by material possessions and to struggle with setting and achieving long-term goals.

Values-based education teaches students to be open-minded and to think critically about the world around them. They become more aware of their own biases and prejudices, and they learn how to challenge them. This helps students to become more tolerant of different perspectives and cultures, which is an important skill in today's increasingly globalized society. It also teaches them how to make sense of the world around them and to create solutions to the various challenges they face.

Values-based education also encourages students to think about the future and to consider how their decisions and actions will shape it. By teaching values, students learn the importance of setting goals and working towards them. They understand the importance of perseverance and hard work, and they become more likely to strive for success. They also learn the importance of giving back to their communities and helping those in need.

Teaching values in the classroom teaches students to be responsible citizens. They learn the importance of respecting the law and other people's rights. They also learn how to be considerate and kind, and to think before they act. This helps them develop strong leadership skills, which will help them in all aspects of their lives.

In conclusion, teaching values in the classroom has a lasting impact on students' futures. It teaches them how to be open-minded, tolerant, and responsible citizens. It encourages them to set goals and work towards them, and it teaches them the importance of giving back to their communities. Ultimately, teaching values in the classroom helps students to become better people and to create a better world.

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