

TEACHERS AS ROLE MODELS

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A role model is a person who inspires and encourages us to strive for greatness, live to our fullest potential, and see the best in ourselves. A role model is someone we admire and someone we aspire to be like. We learn through them through their commitment to excellence and through their ability to make us realize our personal growth. We look to them for advice and guidance.

A role model can be anybody: a parent, a sibling, a friend but some of our most influential and life-changing role models are teachers.

Teachers follow students through each pivotal stage of development. At six to eight hours a day, five days a week, you as a teacher are poised to become one of the most influential people in your pupil's life. After their parents, children will first learn from you, their elementary school teacher. We think of teachers as heroes who taught us academics but we don't often think of these teachers who taught us life's lessons.

As a teacher, you will show your students how to become independent, and from their relationships, you will carefully guide them and intervene when necessary. School is as much a place of social learning as academic learning, and this is true, not only in our early years of education but throughout. Teachers are founts of experience. They have already been where their pupils are going, undergone what they will go through, and are in a position to pass along lessons, not only regarding subject matter but lessons in life.

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