

THE IMPACT OF CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT ON STUDENTS

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There are a lot of factors that affect the students inside the classroom, in terms of their learning styles, performance and behavior. Generally, the teacher plays the most important role in the student's classroom experiences. But, some other factors contribute to the success or failure of the student to create a fruitful classroom experience, which are sometimes given less attention and consideration.

The classroom serves as the second home for the students. In most of the days of the week, a student spends most of his waking time inside the classroom than at his home. This means that more of the experiences he has during his growing up years take place inside the classroom. In this regard, the classroom environment must be given as much attention as the lessons being taught by the teacher, because students would struggle in a classroom that is unfit for learning and creating new experiences.

Creating a positive classroom environment is of essence because it impacts all aspects of a student's life, including his academics, interpersonal relations with his classmates and teachers, and his behavior and attitude towards education, people and himself. Thus, a teacher must be able to know how to make the classroom not only conducive to learning, but enviable a safe and motivating environment where the student can feel himself belong and can help him develop himself holistically.

There are different types of classroom environment which educators must be well aware of. These types of classrooms may address different types of student needs and may be integrated with each other to suit the diversity of the students in class. First type is the developmental classroom, which is commonly found in preschools and

kindergartens. The teacher has a nurturing role in this type of classroom, as it teaches the students to interact with others and their surroundings. The teacher should help the students grow and develop. This classroom environment should foster creativity and give students the opportunity to explore and ask questions about their surroundings and the people around them. The students should also be encouraged to think critically about how they can personally relate their learnings to themselves,

The second type of classroom environment is the competitive environment. This is often found in middle school or high school. The role of the teacher is to encourage the students to compete with each other in order to motivate them to do better academically or socially. Generally, students who excel in this kind of environment also excel outside of it. This kind of environment is more common among students who have already developed their skills but still struggle to apply them academically and socially.

The last type is the collaborative environment. This can be found in high school and college. In this environment, the student tends to create connections with other students to be able to work with others and develop their interpersonal skills. This environment focuses on teamwork and collaboration rather than competition, which makes it create successful outcomes among the students. The students have equal chances of learning, thus every one of them develop themselves and experience success in their work.

Being able to create a positive classroom environment creates great impact on the students, not only during the time they are in school, but also in their future endeavors. The attitude the students develop academically, socially and personally in these classrooms will also impact their lives beyond the school, and can dictate their success in the future.

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