

IMPORTANCE OF STAYING MOTIVATED

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Ironically, one of the most rewarding experiences I have had as an educator occurred during a challenging day when student engagement was low. In response, I decided to shift gears and encourage students to explore topics that genuinely intrigued them. Surprisingly, a student who had never participated before eagerly shared her thoughts, significantly boosting our classroom dynamic. This incident not only enhanced our sense of community but also reignited my passion for teaching, reaffirming the transformative power of learning. It served as a powerful reminder of the positive impact education can have and reinforced my belief in the potential of every student to effect positive change.

Even educators may encounter challenges in sustaining own motivation. Key factors in maintaining motivation as a teacher include setting goals, self-care practices, and building relationships with both students and colleagues. Prioritizing well-being is essential to sustaining the necessary energy and enthusiasm for effective teaching. This can involve taking breaks, participating in professional development, and pursuing personal interests. By setting achievable goals for self and students, sense of progress is maintained. Establishing strong connections with students and supportive colleagues creates a positive and motivating environment, reinforcing the impactful role a teacher plays in shaping young lives. Recognizing small achievements and continually exploring new teaching methods and ideas can further fuel passion for education.

To maintain students' motivation, teachers should aim to establish a stimulating and encouraging learning atmosphere that fosters curiosity and a love for learning. This

can be achieved by helping students set achievable goals and providing constructive feedback, which helps them develop a sense of purpose and direction. To keep lessons engaging and up-to-date, teachers should employ a variety of teaching strategies such as incorporating technology, group projects, and hands-on exercises. Building strong relationships with students and showing genuine interest in their lives can boost their self-esteem and make them feel valued and understood. Recognizing both individual and group achievements and celebrating them creates a positive environment that encourages students to take ownership of their education and strive for success.

In conclusion, the fundamental purpose of education lies in fostering students' exploration of their passions and equipping them with the capabilities to make a difference in society. By reigniting our own motivation, we inspire and empower students to undergo substantial personal growth and positive transformation when we cultivate a setting that nurtures curiosity and encourages exploration. As educators, we are reminded that each small achievement in the educational setting contributes to a larger societal benefit, underscoring the remarkable opportunity we possess to shape not only intellects but also futures.

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