

Characteristics and Abilities of Effective Teachers

- Communication effectively

- Diversify learning experiences
- Encourage students to be part of the learning team
- Flexible
- Strive to connect with students



- Caring
 - Consistent
 - Fair
 - Honest



- Knowledgeable
 - Prepared
 - Respectful
 - Responsible



- https://txcte.org/sites/default/files/resources/documents/Core%20Characteristics%20and%20Abilities%20of%20an%20Effective%20Teacher_0.pptx

- ✓ An effective teacher loves to teach. Has a love and passion for teaching young people.
- ✓ An effective teacher demonstrates a caring attitude.
- ✓ An effective teacher can relate to his or her students. } works hard to figure out how to relate to each of his/her students.
} finds a way to connect with his/her students even if they have to fake it.

- ✓ Foster Individualized Instruction: } Each student learns differently, so it's important for teachers to keep a variety of teaching strategies in their tool belts in order to reach all students.
- ✓ An effective teacher is an excellent communicator. } must be a skilled communicator to students. } must be a strong communicator with parents as well as your faculty/staff in your school

- ✓ An effective teacher is proactive rather than reactive. } considers intense planning and organization } plans ahead, looks for aspects that they might have issues with, and proactively looking for solutions to solve problem
- ✓ An effective teacher strives to be better. looks for new and better teaching strategies, new research, new technology, new educational tools -seeks out professional development opportunities

- ✓ An effective teacher challenges their students. } challenges every student and maximize time with them so that they learn more than they ever thought they could learn.
- ✓ An effective teacher understands the content that they teach and knows how to explain that content in a manner that their students understand. } highly effective teacher both understands the content and explains it on level.

- ✓ Use effective classroom management - Establishes and sustains an orderly environment in the classroom.
- ✓ Increases meaningful academic learning and facilitates social and emotional growth. Decreases negative behaviors and increases time spent academically engaged.
- [Source: https://www.slideshare.net/memijecruz/qualities-of-an-effective-teacher-60956707](https://www.slideshare.net/memijecruz/qualities-of-an-effective-teacher-60956707)

CHARACTERISTICS OF EFFECTIVE TEACHERS

- **1. Fairness** Effective teachers know how to be fair and just and try their very best not to have “pets,” or students that are given unfair advantages over other students.
- **2. Positive Attitude** Good teachers are happy to be teaching. They share their positive attitude by praising and recognizing effort and success in their students. This “positive” influence is contagious

- **3. Preparedness** Some teachers still don't realize, students can tell when the teacher is not prepared and is just trying to "wing it." Great teachers are always prepared.
- 4. Personal Touch** Students have fond memories of teachers who connected with them in a personal way. Some teachers do this just by asking students individually, how they are doing. Others intertwine personal stories and experiences with the day's lesson.

- **5. Sense of Humor** It is nice when a teacher can effectively deliver one-liners that give everyone a chuckle. It's a bit trickier to have the quick ability to react with good humor and diffuse difficult situations. This is a truly admirable skill of a great teacher.
- 6. Creativity** Students will often remember unusual assignments, use of props, decorations or costumes that inspired them to really think "outside the box." Such is the calling card of the effective teacher. It could also be a saying such as, "A stitch in time saves nine." (Benjamin Franklin).

- **7. Willingness to Admit Mistakes** An outstanding teacher will recognize when they have made a mistake and apologize for it. A simple act, yet a rarity among many teachers. It demonstrates the profound power of humility.
- **8. Forgiving** Students too often think of those teachers that would never give them a second chance. Fortunately, a few students had highly effective teachers who let students know, each day, each student started with a clean slate.

- **9. Respect** Since teachers expect to receive respect from their students, it only makes sense students expect the same from teachers. For example, Students appreciate teachers who keep grades confidential. They are also grateful when teachers speak privately to them about behavior issues. Teachers practicing this quality rarely have discipline issues.

10. High Expectations Having high expectations affects the way a teacher teaches and the way the teacher interacts with students. Great teachers express that they believe in their students' abilities. Such teachers energize and encourage students to reach new heights. They monitor those expectations and never give up on students.

- **11. Compassion** Effective teachers understand the importance of nurturing students in a safe environment. These are the teachers that notice when children are left out of games or other activities and take action to remedy this. Students remember these teachers.
- **12. Sense of Belonging** Students feel like “they belong,” in the classroom of a great teacher. This teacher gives the class a feeling of family. They work cooperatively on mutual goals and with mutual caring. This may be the most important one.
- <http://teaching4achange.blogspot.com/2010/07/characteristics-of-effective-teachers.html>

- Characteristics of a Top Teacher
- *by Becton Loveless*
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There are many characteristics, techniques, etc. that make for a successful teacher. These may be as varied as the teachers themselves. However, there are certain time-tested attributes, characteristics, and practices which contribute immensely to teacher success. The following list contains items that students have used to describe their best teachers.

- 1. Enthusiasm
- Students can feel the excitement
- Students easily detect the teacher's love for job and subject
- 2. Preparation
- Teacher knows the subject
- Teacher plans and prepares lessons daily

- 3. Punctuality
- Always arrives on time
- Begins and ends class on time
- Expects and encourages students to arrive on time

- **4. Support and concern for others**
- Lets students know that he/she cares about their success
- Takes time with students
- Allows for creativity
- Is friendly and courteous
- Is supportive and encouraging
- Is smiling, caring, and loving

- **5. Consistency**

- Does not miss class
- Is consistent in attitude and dealings with students
- Is always well prepared to teach class

- **6. Politeness**

- Treats students with respect
- Does not condescend
- Avoids embarrassing students in class

- **7. Firmness and control**

- Is firm in a kind manner
- Avoids tangents in teaching

- **8. Does not play favorites**

- **9. Provides personal help**

- ✓ Takes time to explain concepts
- ✓ Gives individual attention

- 10. Accepts individual differences
- 11. Employs an effective delivery
- ✓ Clarifies for understanding
- ✓ Creates a sense of fun with the learning task
- ✓ Eliminates bad, irritating, and/or distracting habits

- 12. Does not make students lose face
- Avoids criticizing students
- 13. Sets high expectations of students
- 14. Is humble
- 15. Is fair
- 16. Uses variety
- ✓ Uses a variety of learning activities
- ✓ Experiments
- ✓ Allows for spontaneity

- 17. Has a sense of humor; is relaxed
- 18. Makes use of engaged time
- Sets a good pace and provides for a change of pace
- Avoids engaging students in "busy work"

- 19. Use of text
- Is not a slave to the text
- Uses text as a road map
- 20. Keeps within 1-2 days of the scheduled course outline
- 21. Provides field trips and other activities
- Applies student experiences to classwork

- 22. Does not always teach from a sitting or leaning position
- 23. Maintains appropriate interpersonal relationships with students
- Does not allow students to call him/her by first name
- Does not try to win a popularity contest
- Maintains a healthy teacher-student relationship
- Respects students (remember that sometimes what you think is healthy, fun joking with students may be interpreted by them as disapproval and dislike.)

- 24. Does not allow just a few students to monopolize or dominate the class
- 25: Keeps accurate records of:
 - Work completed
 - Attendance
 - Test results
 - Grades
- <https://www.educationcorner.com/characteristics-of-top-teachers.html>

