EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT TEACHER

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“Which is better, to be an effective teacher or to be an efficient teacher?” This is a question that always tests how good a teacher is in her chosen profession, but what is the difference between the two words?

From the definition of Dictionary.com:

Effective is an adjective word that means adequate to accomplish a purpose, producing expected result while efficient means performing or functioning in the best possible manner with the least waste of time and effort.

According from Peter Drucker, an Australian Educator, “Efficiency is doing things right while effectiveness is doing the right things.”

From the meanings, it can be concluded that both kind of teachers have positive attitude in teaching but the difference is the purpose of the actions. The purpose of an efficient teacher is to do the right thing correctly to comply in the works to be done. Some activities that describe an efficient teacher are submitting of reports on time, updating and preparing of complete school records and having good classroom management. This kind of teacher is a work-oriented person.

The purpose of an effective teacher is focused on the kind of learners that he wants to produce. He makes sure that there is mastery of learning every day. Aside from mastering the lessons, he wants that the learning still remain in the minds of his learners as they
grow up and become a responsible citizen of a community. This kind of teacher is a values oriented person.

From the gathered meanings, effectiveness and efficiency of being a teacher are both important in this profession. We need not to choose because both of these characters can be used in our work to achieve our goal as a professional teacher.

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