“What is a teacher? I'll tell you: it isn't someone who teaches something, but someone who inspires the student to give of her best in order to discover what she already knows.” — Paulo Coelho

The thought given above suggests what a teacher should be, a teacher who does not only impart knowledge but a teacher who has an impact on the students.

An exemplary teacher is someone who respects the students. In the regular classroom interaction, the teacher must have the full acceptance of the student’s personality. Further, the teacher is sensitive to the ideas, feelings, opinions and sentiments of each learner. The teacher should be somebody who builds confidence and strengthens the dignity of all the students.

An exemplary teacher creates a sense of community and belongingness. There is nothing more precious than the love and recognition that a teacher gives to our dear learners. The teacher produces strong bond between and among the educational clientele. The teacher makes the students feel that they belong. The great teacher lets the students know that they are important and part of the entire learning community.

An exemplary teacher is warm, accessible, enthusiastic and caring. A teacher should be the most approachable individual in the school not only for the student but also to all the people in the campus. He/she is always there and ready to extend a helping hand once needed. Also, he/she is willing to listen to the requests and wishes of the students most especially for their development and progress despite the busy teaching schedule.

An exemplary sets high expectations for the students. The teacher should motivate the students in soaring higher particularly in the academic achievement. The teacher should help them reach their goals and objectives. The encouragement and trust given to students will greatly affect their performance.

An exemplary teacher has a love for learning. Education is a continuous process that is why teacher must develop love for learning. A teacher that is serving as a model should have the passion for education. He/she aims for quality education.
An exemplary teacher is a skilled leader. He or she must have the leadership power to work on decision-making and can easily make actions immediately on important matters.

An exemplary teacher is flexible. He or she is adjustable to various situations and in attending to the needs of the students and of the school.

An exemplary teacher collaborates with colleagues or peers. He or she considers the views and suggestions of others for he/she helps in building a better decision for the benefit of the learners.

An exemplary teacher maintains professionalism at all times. Whether in words or in deeds, a great teacher exudes professionalism and living to the standards as expected by the society.

All of these paint the picture of an exemplary teacher.

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