HANDLING DIVERSE LEARNERS

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In this modern age, teachers are very much willing to face the challenges in the field of education and one of these is dealing with the diverse learners.

At first, the teacher has to familiarize himself or herself on the nature of each student. She or he has to identify their characteristics, qualities or attributes. Determining their strengths and weaknesses is very important.

Another way is to accept and appreciate their distinct similarities and differences. Teachers have the wide patience and understanding is accommodating whatever are common and dissimilar in them because knowing these areas would be beneficial in employing the right strategies in handling and teaching them.

Building a good relationship with the students is also advisable. This is an approach that would make the teachers catch the students’ attention and trust. Though they may be different in some ways but following a teacher with good intention and goal for their sake will make them united as one.

The teacher has to determine and address the needs of students. Since the teacher is dealing with diversity. It would be better if the teacher may identify the specific needs of the learners so as to provide with the kind of activities suited to each one of them.

By means of providing specific activities or tasks to the students the teacher is not only addressing diversity among the students but he or she is he is assisting them to learn and to love what they are doing. They would be willing to perform and exert their utmost efforts if the tasks are congruent to their abilities.
The teacher also has to consider the setting or learning environment in the classroom. See to it that the classroom set-up is applicable to all and not only to a few students. The setting of the classroom should be safe, convenient, inviting and attractive to the learners.

It is also better if the teacher would inculcate and instill the respect for peers. Tell the students that they are unique individuals and that they have to respect each other’s abilities, talents, skills and competencies. Let them realize that each person is blessed with capabilities.

The teacher has to be creative in handling diverse students. Give them more challenging tasks and lead them to innovative and interactive learning. Let them discover knowledge in their own convenient and unique ways.

Once the students perceive that the teacher is attending to their respective needs, for sure their self-esteem would be raised.

Handling diverse learners would be made easy if the above-mentioned recommendations are seriously considered.

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