Underachieving students are one of the great tragedies of education. Although there are so many factors that affect the performance of the students and their willingness to learn, the teachers must analyse and adjust his or her educational requirements for these kinds of learners.

Underachiever are those potential for achievement is so great, but their failure to thrive in school is doubly disappointing. They have low self-concepts and socially immature. And so it is important for a teacher to assist underachiever students by encouraging, motivating towards learning and developing them independent learners to improve their academic performance. It is also important to assess and determines the extent and direction of the student’s underachievement. Help them identify their areas of strength. Most of them are painfully aware of their weaknesses but every underachiever has much strength as well.

Since the underachiever have poor study habits, the teacher should make sure that his/her lessons give the opportunity for the students to use higher level of thinking skills. Another technique to motivate underachiever is by letting them express themselves in art forms such as drawings creative writing and role playing, and afterwards provide recognition for their efforts.

The most important is the teacher must maintain contact between home and school. It is because that the family factors appear to contribute to underachievement and so it is so important for a teacher to seek the support of the parents in order to monitor and motivate their children.
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