HOW TO LESSEN ABSENTEEISM IN YOUR CLASS

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Absenteeism has often been a topic of different researchers, oftentimes, students are tempted not to go to school and attend classes. Family factors, peer-related factors, teacher-related factors, and financial problems are the root causes of the problem. These are different factors which hinder them to attend classes regularly. The question is how can a teacher lessen and eventually find solution, if he/she contributes to the problem?

Teachers as a contributing factor to learning, motivate the learner to love studying. As what Henry Adams stated that teacher affects eternity, he can never tell where his influence stops. Teachers have a big impact on students’ lives. But how can they establish an impression to the students if their personality seems dull. Teachers should be presentable enough in facing the class. A good teacher’s personality can be a reason for the learners to be excited in coming to class.

Good physical appearance motivates and appeals to the students. Do not attend classes without combing your hair. Learn to change your hairstyle, once in a while so, they learners will find you interesting. A teacher who is too serious and bookish tends to be a “boring teacher” for the children. One who is too intelligent and who is always reiterating “highfaluting terms” makes the students listen to a” walking dictionary” so they feel scared and timid making them zip their mouth and only listen.

Learn to vary strategies which suit the learning needs and develop students’ competencies. Students have to deal with interesting teachers who can adapt to their generation but can teach with dignity. They also want teachers who can face them and teach them with wisdom and humors as they spend time together, teachers who know
how to share experience and wisdom which are connected to the lessons for they will learn reality.

Allowing the students to be involved in the class every day makes them wait for your time and for you to show up in their classroom. Give students a chance to create their own learning environment. Give him or her topic. Students will prepare the lesson, formulate activities on how to teach the subject matter to their fellow classmates.

Make fun filled learning games for them. It is not wasting time, but it is an experience that they cherish. These learners may forget the lesson from the books but not the moments they spend with their classmates and teachers.

As the study conducted by Delaram, et al. (2016) it is really the teacher-related factor which will reduce absenteeism. Moreover, they uttered that these teacher-factor should involve mastery of the subject matter, attention given by the teacher to students, teachers’ manner of behaving and showing of respect to the students, cheerful classroom set-up, and varied teaching methods will help the students to reduce absenteeism.

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