INCREASING THE STUDENT’S MOTIVATION

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Everyone needs to be motivated for us to be better with our work. According to Kleiginna (1981), motivation is an internal state or condition that is sometimes described as a need, desire or want that serves to activate or energize behaviour and give it direction.

Student’s desire to participate in the teaching-learning process is one of the significant aspects in educative process. To achieve a meaningful learning is the main reason why the student must be motivated. He/she will definitely use higher cognitive processes in learning. Thus, on the discussion of the lesson teachers are tasked to arouse the interest of the students for better understanding and performance in the classroom.

However, student’s motivation is being aroused or enhanced by different factors due to the diversity or differences of the students.

Here are some factors that may increase student’s motivation.

- Employing Different Teaching Styles

   We as educators, have a vital role in ensuring better learning for our students. As part of it, we need to be equipped with various learning materials and activities as well as different teaching strategies that are best suited to the level and needs of our students.

   In a classroom with diverse learners, it is not easy to capture their attention and interest, instead it requires us to employ numerous styles in teaching which are appropriate to their needs this makes it more challenging on the part of the teachers.

   Moreover, in choosing the instructional materials that we will use, we also need no consider the learning preferences and the intelligences of our students. We can also use some modern technologies in our lesson like LCD projector in showing video clips and some more.

- Preparing a Conducive Learning Environment

   The classroom setting or the learning environment really affects the student’s motivation to learn. In a public school scenario there are some classrooms which are not conducive to learning because it is overcrowded, hence the temperature is warmer which hinders the students to focus on what they are doing.

   However, the proper physical arrangements of the classroom will make the students feel more comfortable while studying. On arranging the classroom, make it more spacious and attractive to the eye of the students.

- Positive Teacher’s Expectation

   Students generally live up or down to their teachers’ expectations. The students who know that their teacher expects a lot will probably exert more effort and enthusiasm in their study, however, those students who know that their teacher expects little to them have the tendency to decrease their interest in studying. On this matter, we as a teacher must give our students the equal treatment and we need to give positive expectations to them.

   Here are some ways to imply positive expectations to our students.
1. Waiting for the student to respond to a question.
2. Avoid making distinctions of achievement among students.
3. Assessment and results should be a private matter.
4. Treat all students equally. Call on all students regardless of achievement levels, and spend equal amounts of time with them. Guard against biases.

- **Giving Rewards and recognitions**

   Giving rewards such as incentives and praises could arouse student’s interest to strive harder in their studies, also giving positive feedbacks or comments especially to their parent will be more valuable for them.

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