The kind of question a teacher asks to students determines the level of thinking of students he or she develops.

There is nothing more amazing than watching a student who draws every classmates’ attention, sway the undecided and win his/her rivals to agree on a point in his/her answer to the question of their teacher.

The classroom teachers knowing the abilities and interest of their students, will find that it is easier to raise their level of motivation if they employ some ways. Corpus & Salandanan suggest the following to raise the motivational level of a teacher for the increase in academic performance of students.

- A teacher with pleasing personality always win positive reactions. It goes that people we like easily influence us. And to be likes, we have to be perceived as someone with similar interests, who praise and acknowledge someone’s worth, and who seem to work towards mutual goal. Students are great at “mirroring” or mimicking the teacher’s pitch, mood and actions, making a rapport easily.

- In any subject area, use some literary text as your springboard before discussing your lesson proper. It can be a poem, a passage from a story or essay or even a quotation. Afterwards you can conduct a short contest revolving around the lesson, then give a prize to the winner.

- Have a good sense of humor. A student who sees enough of humor of himself/herself in the situation resolves to change for the better. All humans have a gift of humor and
capacity to laugh and the power of speech to express his emotions, ideas and opinions. Be cautious in projecting humor to students. You might hurt them.

- Plan lessons that will arouse their curiosity.
- Use games, role plays, simulations, musical plays, drama presentations. These activities have high motivating power.
- Provide lessons that will require manipulation of tools and operation of equipment will keep everyone moving to get a chance at the wheel. Teaching models that need to be drawn will keep them busy with the brush or pen.
- Introduce an educational game that is related to the lesson. It will surely arouse their interest to try to win, especially if there is a promised prize winning.
- Film showing, slide presentations, television broadcasts learning devices will keep them highly attentive and concentrated.

Teachers who are smart, active, with high energy are likely to be joined by equally energized and joyful students.

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