TEACHERS CAN KEEP THEIR STUDENTS MOTIVATED

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Teaching young minds is not an easy task. It cannot be taken lightly. It is full of fuss, challenges, frustrations, and responsibilities. However, it is a task that is also full of excitement, wonder, instigation, and joy. In teaching, teachers believe that all children are capable of learning if they are properly motivated and directed by their teachers. Every teacher needs to be aware of learning, motivation, behavior, and development theories in order to relate to my students and push them to reach their full potential. It is a duty of a teacher to see that all my students are being motivated; this is only fair to the students. They deserve teacher’s time and full attention in regards to their education.

Thus, to keep motivated students, a class is in need of a motivated teacher. A teacher whose educational philosophy is “motivation for better education”. A teacher that can give proper motivation to his/her students is the key for every learner to achieve quality and better education. Teacher’s instigation and spur are important for personal motivation. He/she motivates students while teaching them to be intrinsically motivated through challenging yet supportive lessons and assignments. If students are intrinsically motivated learning will greatly increase.

Meanwhile, Cristina Cabal (2017) in her article in British Council Organization Magazine mentioned several techniques and strategies to keep students motivated to learn. Foster active participation among your students. Make your class a student-centered classroom and not teacher-centered classroom. Let your students feel that they are the key elements of learning. Let them feel that they are important in every teaching and learning situation. Ensure fun learning. Provides genuine and fun games that make your class enjoyable and memorable. Let your students feel delighted in every activity of
your lesson. Step away from textbooks. Prepare activities that are within the experience and interest of your pupils. Show then real and authentic materials in your lessons. Give clear instruction. Give simple and easy to understand direction. It is important that students have a clear understanding of what a teacher expect them to do. Avoid too long directions and instructions that may only lead to confusion. Praise and Rewards. A simple “very good”, “job well done” and “thank you” can mean a lot especially to those students who have a weak personality. Sometimes, a teacher can give simple things as a reward to those who got the highest grades or make a great job. Remember that there are many positive words to say to boost the confidence level of every student.

Indeed, high energy levels and a positive behavior from the teacher are key elements to keep student’s motivation towards successful learning process.