TEACHING DISCIPLINE

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Discipline is not about getting pupils to do what you want them to do. That’s what dictators do, and we are not a dictator – we are an educator. Discipline is providing a surrounding in which positive teaching and learning can occur together. Discipline is not controlled from the outside; it’s ordered from within.

Teaching in today's generation has really been more challenging. Because we teachers do not only teach the basic theories of every subject but more importantly, we are teaching them how to behave and instilling discipline to them requires a lot of patience and understanding. Being the best teacher is useless without a good plan for discipline in the classroom. Teachers who cannot manage student discipline in their classroom are not effective in almost every aspect of teaching.

For successful teaching and learning process, it is important that there is a good discipline in every classroom, particular in the school as a whole. According to the Researchers like Potgieter, Visser, Van der Bank, Mothata, and Squelch (1997:59) stated that "if discipline is not taken into consideration, the school environment will be dangerous and the educational process may be disrupted. It is, therefore, important that discipline is maintained in a school for the welfare and safety of students and teachers, and for the success of the educational process.

Teachers should guide learners towards their own behavior. Passing judgment on violators' action teachers should instead ask questions that encourage learners to judge their own behavior. They should stay focused and if needed, help learners to accept the consequences of their actions. Teachers should help learners in improving future
behavior. They should ask learners to think of alternate ways of behaving the next time they are confronted with similar situations. Teachers should build learners' responsibilities to their plans by giving them feedback and reinforcement. Learners will feel more inspired if teachers acknowledge the validity of their plans.

Be a positive role model for your pupils. Remember the saying, “Values are caught, not taught.” It emphasizes the importance of setting a good example. Children imitate the behaviors of those around them, instead of simply memorizing what they're supposed to do. Set a good example, if they see positive actions in you, they are more likely to copy and imitate it. Teachers play an important role in the life of the students. What the students learned from us, can shape the men and women they will become in the future.

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