



EFFECTIVE TEACHING MAKES SUCCESSFUL TEACHER

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ABSTRACT

At present, education is facing lot of problems. Particularly, the teaching and learning process is not in a proper manner due to the unbalanced participation of teacher and students. Normally, classroom activities are mostly occupied by the teacher's activity of teaching. The dominant factor of teaching is essential for effectiveness of a classroom. The teacher should know their duties and responsibilities towards the students. For effective classroom teaching, the teacher should possess basic traits, skills and qualities. So, this paper guides the teacher to make effective teaching and to become a successful teacher.

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INTRODUCTION

“A teacher is the image of Brahma”
- Manu (Cited in Dash, 2003)

Education is a complex phenomenon which cannot be easily understood. Education is an integral part of entire human life. The word ‘Education’ has been derived from the Latin word ‘Educo’. In Latin, ‘E’ means ‘inside’ and ‘duco’ means ‘giving lead’. Therefore,

education means that giving lead from inside. According to John Dewey, “Education is the development of all the capacities in the individual which enable to him to control his environment and fulfill his possibilities” (Anandarasu, 2011). This is basic and essential process of education. B.N.Dash (2003) insists “The teaching is not an education as well as the learning is not an education. But

education is a life long process". In every walk of life, one can learn something from others / surroundings. It emphasizes that the learning is an everlasting process which is taught from others and surroundings. Education is a tool to develop the individual capabilities which is like a light on individuals hand and shows the precise way to attain goals of an individual. Education is an edification much more than erudition. Education is a wholesome but teaching and learning are the tiny part of it. Here the teaching is for teacher and the learning is for student. For teaching, a teacher has to put an extra effort. A normal teacher may not make an effective teaching. Because, he/she would not possess the traits, skills and special qualities of teaching with regards to the effective teaching. The following paragraphs would help to have a clear idea about the effective classroom for successful teaching.

TEACHING AND A TEACHER

Teaching is an interactive process between the teacher and the students. According to Edmund Amidon (1967) has defined the teaching as "... an interactive process, primarily involving classroom talk which takes place between teacher and pupils and occurs during definable activities" (Cited in Sharma, 2010). It is aimed to change one's behavior by others. B.O.Smith defined teaching "Teaching is a system of actions intends to induce learning through interpersonal relationships" (Cited in Sharma, 2010). The main focus of teaching is to enable the student to learn in all type of situation and the nature of inter-personal relationships.

The teaching activities which is performed by an individual is called teacher. Teachers are character moulders of the students. Teacher acts as real parents of the pupils. They mostly aimed to make the learner be a good man in society which is also the

purpose of education. According to F.A.Diester Weg, "A normal teacher teaches the truth, but a good teacher teaches that how to discover the truth" (Cited in Suresh, 2012). The teacher should not only teach the subject concept but also teach current discovers invention and current affairs. If the teacher correlates the subject concepts to the real socio-cultural activities, the pupils easily understood the concepts. Some teachers are content oriented. They are not considering the students psychological factors like understanding, interest, mental health etc. It makes the teachers delinquent. A good teacher must know the students' psychological factors which teaching with regards. It will produce effective teaching. Thus, teaching is a task of a teacher which is performed for the physical and mental development of the pupils.

EFFECTIVE TEACHING – What it means:-

Effective teaching generally may refer to the student's high achievement or good teaching of a teacher. But, these two are the two sides of a coin of effective teaching. It is simply that the two eyes of the effective teacher. Effective teaching blended with those two domains. An individual cannot separate these domains. If one is missing in teaching-learning process, it shows ineffective. Effective teaching is set of numerous skills that talented teachers work hard to hone the student's knowledge. Effective teacher nurture effective learning. If the teacher is not effective, the teaching and learning will be nugatory.

Effective teaching may be defined as "it is a set of skills that helps the intellectual development of learners". Effective teachers are those who can make an effective learning, understanding the content that they teach and know how to explain that content in manner that their students could understand. They

should know the components with regards to effective teaching. It is useful to handle the teaching useful and effective.

Characteristics of effective teaching:-

The following points are the characteristics of effective teaching. The teaching,

- ✓ Should be lovable and precise to the content.
- ✓ Makes the student's attitude in a best way to the lesson.
- ✓ Should guide the students to act proactive rather than reactive.
- ✓ Should be insisted the strive of education of students being better.
- ✓ Includes the inculcation of content.
- ✓ Must include different methods, models, teaching aids and a variety of medium of technology is essential.
- ✓ Should fulfill the student's thirst of education which leads high achievement.
- ✓ May be carried out with the care of student's psychological factors.
- ✓ Oriented towards students attitude.

In any level of educational institution, the teacher holds responsibilities of teaching. If the teacher used their set of teaching skills that will lead the effective teaching and become an effective teacher. There are teachers who are truly expert on the content, but struggle to effectively explain it to their students. The effective teacher understands the content and explains it to student understands level. This can be difficult to accomplish, but the teacher can maximize their effectiveness.

SUCCESSFUL TEACHER AND HIS/HER QUALITIES

According to J.R. Ouyang, "An effective teacher is one who has an achievement-motivated personality with a strong

commitment and rich teaching experiences. He or she is expected to have a motivation to teach, empathy towards children, and good records at college GPA and student teaching". Successful teacher is different from normal teacher who posses different skills in teaching as well as having special care in students intellectual and social developments. "Someone who has a personal human relationship with every student and who genuinely cares about each student and their success" (Kavipriya, 2014). One who attain success of learners in all activities of learning through teaching; they be called as successful teacher. They have some different special qualities with compare to normal teachers. Success In teaching means engaging the students' participation which gives high achievement. In the word of Joad, "Teaching is not everybody's cup of tea. To become a teacher, book learning, planning the examinations and the ability to instruct are not enough. The teacher should posses a sterling character and certain physical, intellectual, social and emotional qualities which are prerequisite for success in teaching" (Cited in Dash, 2003). To be a successful teacher, the following traits and qualities are essential.

The view of Alexander Raths (2013), every teacher can benefit from focusing on these important qualities.

- ✓ **Sense of Humor:** it helps to make the class as enjoyable for the students and helps the students look forward to attending and paying attention.
- ✓ **A positive attitude:** A positive attitude is a great asset in life. We will be thrown many curve balls in life and especially in the teaching profession. A positive attitude will help us cope with these is best.

- ✓ **High expectation:** If we expect less effort, we will receive less effort. We should work on attitude that you know students can achieve to your level of expectation, thereby giving them a sense of confidence too. So that an effective teacher must have high expectation for success.
 - ✓ **Consistency:** In order to create a positive learning environment your students should know what to expect from you each day. You need to be consistent. This will create a safe learning environment for the students and they will be more likely to succeed. It is amazing that students can adapt to teachers throughout the day that range from strict to easy. However, they will dislike an environment in which the rules are constantly changing.
 - ✓ **Fairness:** Many people confuse fairness and consistency. A consistent teacher is the same person from day to day. A fair teacher treats students equally in the same situation. For example, students complain of unfairness when teachers treat one gender or group of students differently. It would be terribly unfair to go easier on the football players in a class than on the cheerleaders. Students pick up on this so quickly, so be careful of being labeled unfair.
 - ✓ **Flexibility:** One of the tenets of teaching should be that everything is in a constant state of change. Interruptions and disruptions are the norm and very few days are 'typical'. Therefore, a flexible attitude is important not only for your stress level but also for your students who expect you to be in charge and take control of any situation.
- In additional, B.N. Dash (2003) has quoted the following qualities of successful teacher in his book.
- ✓ **Teacher's character:** If the teacher becomes an embodiment of right conduct in thought, word and deed the students by their association will learn virtue and develop manly qualities.
 - ✓ **Teacher's personality:** Every teacher must have a good personality, radiant, pleasing and impressive personal appearance, refinement, pleasant manners, industry, enthusiasm, drive, initiative open mindedness etc., are some of the essential traits of an ideal teacher.
 - ✓ **Teacher's mental health:** The teacher makes the emotional atmosphere in the classroom. A neurotic teacher may spread fear, nervousness and worry in the classroom, a fanatic teacher may spread hatred, prejudice and hostile feelings among the students. If he has a good mental health, he can create love, interest and enthusiasm for learning and a taste in the subject he teaches.
 - ✓ **Teacher's physical health:** A teacher should possess a sound body along with a sound mind. He should have sound physical health, physical energy, vitality and he should be free from physical defects. This will make him alert, cheerful, happy, dynamic and enthusiastic. He can maintain emotional stability.
 - ✓ **Teacher's social adjustment:** sociability is another important quality of a teacher. He should have a sound social philosophy and he should make his best contribution to the society. He should know to adjust himself to the social surroundings in which he lives.

Normal social life outside the school will go a long way to give him happy social adjustments.

- ✓ **Teacher's professional efficiency:** the teacher must possess a strong sense of vocation and true devotion towards teaching. For his professional efficiency, he should have knowledge of psychology, educational philosophy, aims, and contents, methods of instructions, skill and interest in teaching.

- ✓ **Teacher's academic achievement:** A teacher possesses knowledge of the fundamentals of the subject he teaches. He should have sound academic and cultural background. Teaching is doubt a profession. So the teacher as a professional man. It is essential that he should undergo necessary training to know the art of teaching. Thus for a successful teacher sound academic knowledge and professional training are highly essential.

According to Leah Davis (3013) has given some points about a successful teacher. The following points will be more useful to the teachers who become a successful teacher. The successful teacher should be,

- ✓ Sincerely like them and believe in their worth
- ✓ dedicated to helping children learn
- ✓ enthusiastic about teaching and inspire their students
- ✓ Well prepared, consistent and firm
- ✓ Provide a nurturing, safe environment
- ✓ Accept themselves as imperfect and freely admit to making mistakes
- ✓ Model fairness, honesty and dependability
- ✓ Listen carefully and give recognition freely

- ✓ Should be sensitive and respectful of children's individual differences
- ✓ Provide an opportunity for children to help formulate classroom rules
- ✓ Help children feel important by allowing them to make choices
- ✓ Have clear, high, reasonable expectations for children's work
- ✓ Acknowledge children's efforts and successes no matter how small
- ✓ Stress that it is okay to make mistakes because they are a natural part of learning
- ✓ Avoid threats, sarcasm, favoritism and pity
- ✓ Focus on solutions to problems rather than on punishment
- ✓ Teach children how to solve their problems peacefully by listening to each other and by compromising
- ✓ Provide opportunities for children to encourage and applaud one another
- ✓ Involve parents or guardians as partners in their children's education
- ✓ Invite them to dream, share goals, and to think of themselves as being successful

In addition, the classroom management skill is also essential to successful teacher. The teacher should know another quality is classroom management. According to Harry Wong, "A well-managed classroom has students that know what is expected of them and are deeply involved with their work relatively little wasted time, confusion, or disruption, and a work-oriented, but relaxed and pleasant classroom climate" (Sarahlyne Davis). Thus successful teacher should know how to manage the students in the classroom which is essential for making effective teaching.

How effective teaching makes a successful teacher?

Learning and education are a journey from darkness to light from the ephemeral to the durable, from perishable to the imperishable. Learning is educative, evacuative and inspirational enlightening. Teacher must consider to the students learning abilities while teaching. Teacher act as a second parent of the student and be a character moulder. According to the Sanskrit slogan, this learnt from the childhood,

*“Gurur Bhram, Gurur Vishnu, Gurur Devo
Maheshwara,*

*Gurur Sakshatpara Bhrama, Tasmai Sri
Guruve Namah”*

The meaning of this slogan in English, it reads,

I bow down in relevance and supplication to my guru, who is Bhrama; my guru, who is Vishnu; my guru, who is lord Maheshwara; and my guru, who is greater than Bhrama incarnate for me (Cited in Hitesh,D Raiya, 2009). These words emphasize the values and importance of teacher and how they are respected in society. Teachers are often linked to Gardeners who sow seeds, graft plants and nurture them, teacher openly give newer ideas to student s and help them to understand those ideas. Some times teachers are also compared to the potters because their basic functional role is shaping and moulding the young minds. These are the basic ideas of teacher as well as it is also essential things should be reflective from successful teacher.

Successful teacher has the responsibilities to promote physical, emotional, social, intellectual and spiritual beings of learners. They also encourage thinking critically about significant social issues as well as individual problems. Because teacher plays

central role in prompting quality learning which has long been accepted. It is the query rises on the reader’s mind, how effective teaching makes a successful teacher? The authors of the paper has a chance /duty to justify the same as below,

The successful teachers always concentrate the students’ high achievement as well as their character development in satisfactory level through his/her teaching. Their teaching should be in effective manner. Teaching is the key factor for deciding most of the achievement and desired developments of students. The achievement is not considered to the successful teacher; but it is essential and the entire development is considered too. The primary and important duty of the teacher is teaching. It is essential that the teacher has the responsibilities to the character building of students. He/ she have the power tool in his/ her hand that is teaching. Teaching modifies anything in learners. The achievement of teacher is directed by the entire development of a students like marks, discipline, behavior modification, personality development, respectfulness etc,. If the teacher follows/obey the above listed characteristics of effective teaching, the teaching will be effective and it will promote him/her as successful teacher. The teacher, one who attain success of learners in wholesome through teaching; they be called as successful teacher. Thus, an effective teaching makes a successful teacher.

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