

TIPS FOR TEACHER SUCCESS

1. Show **empathy** toward your students. Empathy is the first step to truly understanding another person's situation. By demonstrating empathy for your students, you can earn their trust and respect.
2. Reach out to families, administrators and other teachers to develop **partnerships** in your mutually shared goal of educating children.
3. Be **accountable**. Keep good records, document disciplinary actions, parent conferences, and any other information that is pertinent to your day to day responsibilities in the classroom.
4. Accept and face **adversity**. Deal with the inevitable and adverse circumstances that arise with respect and concern for others as your top priority.
5. Look into the **future**. Consider the consequences of your actions. Keep in mind that you are helping to prepare students to become adults. What they are now is not necessarily what they will be in the future. Treat them as if you know they can become mature, productive adults. This means building relationships with your students based upon dignity and respect.
6. Show your interest in the **whole child**. Our students need to know that we are interested in far more than just their learning of our subject matter. Convey how much you care about each student each and every day.
7. Do not give up on your students. Continue to **believe** in children even when they appear to have ceased to believe in themselves. Do not compromise your rules and standards, but hold on to the notion that even the most challenging students can learn from their mistakes and move toward greater responsibility for their actions.
8. Be a **responsible** person. Return papers to students in a timely fashion. Have your grades averaged on time. Teach to the best of your ability each day. Remember that teachers are indeed a primary role model for their students. We will so often receive what we model before them.
9. **Reflect** and **share** ideas. Read, think and write about what you are doing. Share ideas and materials with your colleagues. Constantly seek ways in which to improve your teaching skills.
10. Own up to your **mistakes** and fix them as quickly as possible. To admit one's mistakes and promptly seek ways in which to rectify them, leads to credibility and is yet another way to model for our children the manner in which mature adults should behave.