

Pushing Your Students' Motivational Buttons *So Your Teaching Can Be Maximally Effective*

In order for you to be as effective as possible, it's important for you to understand the TRUE role of a teacher. The true role of a teacher is to:

- Create an environment that makes it easy for students to learn, and
- To motivate them to learn.

That means teachers have to develop a certain mindset. And that is: *If a student does not learn, then the teacher has not taught.*

Now, this may not be always true, but the teacher must *believe* that it's true or *behave as if it is true* in order to be MAXIMALLY EFFECTIVE. If a teacher doesn't believe it, then he or she doesn't exercise the effort needed in order to get as much success as possible.

Why is it the Teacher's Job to Motivate Students?

If students were intrinsically motivated, there'd be no need for teachers. Here's a question for you: What excites you enough that you'd go learn more about it on your own? Is it golf, art, or becoming a more effective teacher? Whatever it is, that's intrinsic motivation. But children, especially if they come from homes where parents aren't education oriented, the only motivation they can get is extrinsic motivation—*has to come from the teacher.*

What are Five Common Motivation Killing Strategies?

1. Teaching the subject instead of the students - Parents send their kids to school to get an education. If the teacher concentrates on the subject matter rather than the student, they don't get the education they need. And that means they will cause trouble for you.
2. Not teaching motivationally – The brain contains filters that determine what information to let in and what to keep out. It HAS to otherwise we'd go crazy because of mental overload. The key to getting your students' brain to filter in what you're saying is to show them, tell them, and demonstrate how learning what you're teaching is helpful to them IN THEIR LIFE!
3. Not creating an environment that makes learning easy
4. Not using humor and making learning fun
5. Giving students with the "options" filter rewards for doing their work. (You can find out more about his here)

What's the Easiest Way to Motivate Students?

Students need a reason for studying and learning. A good teacher spends the first few minutes motivating the class. Ask the question, *why is the subject/topic important?* Then, show them:

1. The benefit

2. The bad things that will happen if they don't learn it

Did you know that telling them they need to learn it for a test could get you the opposite results? *Why is using a test as a motivator ineffective?* Usually students don't want to do a test, so it's not motivating. Also, a test is an anxiety provoking activity. The benefit or loss has to do with the student's life. If the student fell in love with the subject, then the test becomes an opportunity to show off instead of an anxiety provoking activity.

Motivation means, "What's the reason why?" It's also ALWAYS about feelings. We do what we do because of how we feel. We avoid doing things because of how we feel. This is true for all humans. And for your students too (provided they are human—*tee hee hee*). And a person can't resist his motivational buttons.

The key is to make them feel good about themselves and their ability to learn. You have to show them how doing school work and homework can help them achieve what THEY want to achieve. What do they want to be? What's important to them? Find out. Then connect what THEY want to what YOU want them to do. Otherwise the brain filters out what you want them to do because it sees no use for their life. And it can't help it.

When you understand how the mind works, your teaching experience becomes a happier more successful one. On the other hand, if you don't learn more about this and how to use it, you will feel more frustration, stress, and on top of that, you could lose your students' respect.

Discovering more about how to use the *Motivation Model* will not only get you the respect from your students you deserve, but you'll get it from their parents too! And that means a happier more fulfilling teaching experience for YOU! Now who *doesn't* want that?

Feel free to [Email Me Now](#), but only if you really want to feel more successful, fulfilled, and happier as a teacher. Or, you can Call Me Today at 714.309.4824 and feel good.

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