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# The Teacher Student Relationship

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## Abstract

*The overall theme of this study is that the student and teacher's relationship is important to the professional development of both the preservice and inservice teacher. The meaning and nature of the experience, however, were different. Themes identified are related to (a) the purpose and outcomes of the student teaching experience, (b) the relationship between the student and teacher, and (c) the knowledge and skills of the student teacher.*

## Introduction

The relationship between the student teacher is important in the student teaching experience. This paper provides an overview of a phenomenological study conducted to examine the nature of the relationship of the student teacher in facilitating the student's professional development.

## Types of Teacher

- A simple/mediocre teacher
- Good teacher
- Superior teacher
- Great teacher

## Relationship Between the Student and Teacher

The importance of a teacher has been very well explained by the verse “Gurur Brahma, gurur Vishnu, Gurur Devo Maheshwara. Gurur sakshat, parabrahma, tasmayshree guru ve namah”, which means that Guru represents Brahma, the creator of the universe; Vishnu, the supporter of life; and Maheshwara i.e. Lord Shiva who destroys all evil. Guru is the incarnation of Parabrahma who is the supreme power and I salute this Guru.

The teachers described an ideal relationship with the student teacher as being based on components such as good communication, trust, and respect. Their actual relationship, however, was described as including both personal and professional dimensions. From a personal perspective, eight of the teachers described “friendships” with the student teacher; two relationships were not characterized in that way. The Good teachers also described a professional relationship by providing support, direction or guidance related to teaching. The quality of the teacher student relationship is the single most important factor that determines success as a teacher.

A strong relationship with students is vital for classroom success so it's worth spending time and energy to get it right. Like every other aspect of classroom management it is possible for every teacher to learn the necessary strategies and techniques to build good relationships between teachers and students.

The relationship between the student- teachers is one of the most important relationships. The teacher guides the student in the right path. It is said that a teacher is the maker of the future generation. The teacher not only imparts the bookish knowledge to the pupils but also helps in enriching the general knowledge of the students. The students must be polite in their attitude towards the teachers. The teachers must educate the children in free minds and they must regard the students as their own children. Teacher student interaction is complex, but becomes easier to understand when you break it down and study the individual components.

## Freedom

A teacher plays a very important role in the development of a child. A teacher serves different roles in the life of a student. A teacher can be an advisor, an exemplar, a mentor and a friend. A teacher believes in the student's dream and encourages his passion. A good teacher is one who allows the child to grow without constraining him. A good teacher does not dictate a student's life, but allows a student to be himself.

## Respect

A student teacher relationship is based on mutual trust and respect. The general notion is that a student has to respect his teacher but it is equally important for the teacher to respect the student. A teacher should believe in the dreams and aspirations of a student and guide

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him in the right direction. A student will respect a teacher more if he feels that the teacher understands him. A student generally remembers the teachers who have made an impact in their lives, who have shown that they care about the student's wellbeing. A good teacher earns respect, he doesn't impose respect.

### **Counseling**

A teacher also serves as a counselor to the student. A good teacher does not restrict himself to the teaching students a course or a class, he teaches a student lessons that the student can use outside the class. Students appreciate when a teacher takes personal interest in them for instance, if a student is not doing so well in class or is having a personal problem if the teacher cares to ask him about it, the student generally appreciates it.

### **Education**

A teacher educates the student. Education is not restricted to the syllabi or the class or the course content, it goes beyond the school. A good teacher is responsible for the overall education of a student and this includes academic, personal, social and spiritual education.

### **Why Do Students Leave College before Earning a Degree?**

- Inadequate funds
- Relationship trauma
- Family matters
- Poor academic preparation
- Lack of connection/ feel isolated
- Unmet expectations
- Lack of respect

### **Annoying Behaviors of Faculty**

- Disorganized teaching
- Talk too fast/too slow
- Monotone
- Degrading students
- Lack of interaction
- Lack of enthusiasm
- Reading from book or notes
- Keeping class overtime (disrespectful)
- Too much overlap with book

- Unfair testing/grading
- Lack of respect

### **How Teacher can Make Space in Heart of Student**

- Cheerful & charming
- Encouraging
- Acceptable
- Soft spoken
- Self control
- Good command and knowledge on the subject

### **How Relationships are Developed and Maintained**

- Call by name (personal attention)
- No Biased ness (Fairness)
- Treat as a team member
- Maintain some distance
- Be a roll model
- Give respects (student feel like valuable member of class room)

### **Make Relationship Like Guru Shishya Parampara (Both Side)**

- Respects & Humbleness
- Culture & Values
- Ethics
- Purity
- Believes
- Discipline
- Feelings of Sacrifice

### **Factors Affecting Positive Relationship**

- Greediness & commercialism
- Partiality
- Selfishness
- Professionalism

### **A Positive Student-Teacher Relationship**

Positive student - teacher relationships are characterized by open communication, as well as emotional and academic support that exist between students and teachers. A positive relationship starts with a comforting reception from a teacher to a student from day one. The teacher needs to acknowledge the activities performed by students of any level and

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encourage them which then bond a positive relationship. The student needs to approach with full respect and honor for the teacher and consult in any queries occurring in academic activities and the communication between the student and the teacher serves as a connection between the two, which provides a better atmosphere for a classroom environment. The environment develops the growth of a student gradually in developing a personality, characteristics and manners.

Hence we can say that-

Positive, encouraging, honest teacher student communication and teacher student interaction showing mutual respect between teacher and students in your classroom and all students in your school is so vital on so many levels.

Showing interest and caring for your students will create a trusting and genuine bond with them and in most cases they will reciprocate, establishing a win-win situation for both student and teacher.

Establishing this trust and bond with your students is so crucial in the teaching profession; it can make or break the relationships with your students and can also affect the strength of the parent teacher communication.

Strengthen your own relationships with your students in several key areas by reading the pages that I've outlined below and incorporating some of my teaching strategies:

1. Use a variety of classroom teaching methods to keep your students motivated and challenged - lecturing all the time becomes monotonous and students lose interest.
2. Enhance your classroom control and encourage your students to think for themselves, contribute to class discussions and build their self confidence and self esteem by implementing some of my verbal communication teaching strategies into your day-to-day routines and lessons.
3. My non verbal communication teaching techniques can be very effective in improving classroom management and discipline and creating a respectful and positive classroom environment!
4. Motivating students is key to driving them to define and achieve their future dreams and goals. Read my many pages on different ways to increase student motivation.

Helping motivate students is one of the most challenging, and also rewarding, parts of being a teacher. Learn more ways to improve students' learning and motivation while gaining valuable teaching knowledge with this master for teachers online.

5. Computers in the classroom have a tremendous upside. They're a great teaching and motivational tool. Universities and colleges are already leveraging computers and technology by offering online courses for instance.

Read my many teaching strategies on how they can be used to your students great advantage in our evolving technology oriented world.

I know there's a lot to read and learn in these different sections, but I can guarantee that if you follow many of my suggestions, you will greatly strengthen your teacher student relationships during the year.

Your students will look back to the year they spent with you and most will agree that it was the best year in elementary school that they've ever had!

#### **As a Result of My Research**

- Understand some factors related to why students leave college and why they stay in college.
- Explore ideas to create conditions that promote student retention.
- Identify what faculty can do to support satisfying student relationships.
- Describe how to practice dialogue, rather than monologue, to achieve greater learning and promote student-faculty relationships.

#### **Conclusion**

Teacher-student relationships are critical to the success To build good relationships, communicate appropriate levels of dominance and let students know you are in control of the class and are willing and able to lead.

