

Don't be a Teacher | *Nurture the Bond* | Be a Guide

Being a good teacher is not only associated with well-prepared lessons but also a well thought instructional and management strategy to keep the students engaged throughout the session. Delivering the lectures efficiently does not mean that every pupil is acquiring it; similar to a good net cannot catch every fish in the pond.

Handling the disengaged students is itself the biggest challenge faced by a teacher in a classroom. Every student is unique in his or her nature. Hence, a teacher can never flock all of the inattentive students in a single cluster. Therefore, I believe there can be no single chalked out way to ignite the zeal of learning inside them. Handling each case with special care with a few generalized approach can be fruitful.



1. **A walk and talk session:** The best way to bring their attention back to the class is to identify the reasons behind their lack of attention. Putting myself into the shoes of a teacher, the first and foremost approach would be to have an involved conversation with the students in person. This walk and talk session can predominantly break the wall of hesitation between me and my student thus finding a stable base for helpful interaction in future. Understanding the

child's psychology and his/ her distractions can motivate me in finding out better techniques to get him/her involved.

Many a times, certain insecurities restrict the child to open up before their parents, but can easily do so when they find someone relatable and empathizing their issue.

Hence, developing a friendly bond can initiate an engagement trend.

2. Learning in Collaboration: Learning is in-depth and impactful when done in collaboration rather than being done apart. Being a teacher, I can surge the engagement of my students, by initiating interactive study process. Instead of the traditional model of only delivering lectures, letting my students speak up on the topic can be a better substitute. During this phase, I should keep in mind to give a fair chance to the disengaged pupils. By this, I can make them aware of the class proceedings and a small compliment can surely encourage their involvement.

3. Setting up Fun-filled Learning: Thinking from a student's perspective, many students lose their interest in a topic or subject, when they are unable to involve themselves in the class proceedings. A good teacher is one, who always comes up with innovative and interesting ideas to keep the students involved.



Recollecting my student life, I would plan to present my students an interesting classroom demo with live activities, which would include their participation. The eagerness to know the results of the activity

is the best driving force towards engagement. Moreover, in the world of digitalization, some intriguing audio-visuals can be the best to lure their attention in the class.

- 4. Exploring their creativity:** As mentioned earlier, every student is unique in their own way. So is their creativity. Any person, when is allowed to follow his / her passion, evolves with flying colours. Using the same concept, an innovative step to implement the creativity of my students through some projects rather than suppressing them with homework or assignments can help them grow interest. This not only helps them learn, but also increases their power of imagination and provides quality knowledge.

A teacher's aim is not only to involve the disengaged students into the class, but also to be their guide through the process and to ensure that quality education being imparted.