

How Teachers Attitudes Positively and Negatively Affect Their Students

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Treat others the way you want to be treated. A phrase ingrained in young children from the beginning of their education. They tell us to respect others and be kind to everyone, because you have no idea what someone could be going through. All of these lessons were taught in order to build a sturdy foundation, attempting to raise the children of the future to be civilized citizens. However, sometimes those teaching us to be kind and to respect others, are the ones who need to practice what they preach.

Schools can be viewed as a society within a society, sharing many traits, such as misogyny. Science teacher's pessimistic stereotypes of women in their class have been proven to decrease girls' achievement in said class. In Cathleen Garcia's 2003 study it was revealed that elementary teachers' individual attitudes toward women in science affected students' accomplishments in science related activities. Teachers are supposed to encourage their students and help them achieve their goals, instead of tearing them down and discouraging them. When students are discouraged, they're more likely to do poorly in school, affecting their grades and future, such as what college they may attend. As well as which path they chose to walk down for the rest of their life.

As a student, looking back on the teachers, splendid or distasteful, I've always done better in the classes of the teachers who cared for my success. In classes where students feel mutual respect, they will do better, knowing that their work is being appreciated.

In classes where the teacher was disrespectful, and talked down in tyranny to me are the classes I had a lot of trouble in. When teachers don't allow their students to have an independent sense of creativity, it is beyond discouraging. And in environments where students feel uncomfortable, they are less likely to ask for help in fear of further discouragement.

The five core values of my high school are rigor, relevance, responsibility, relationships, and respect. These are the five words the administration and staff encourage us students to keep in mind throughout the day, when interacting with friends, peers, and teachers. However, these core values should be directed at all students and staff, instead of allowing teachers to act negatively and hypocritically to the people of the future.