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Quality and Standards in Teacher Education:-

Quality in Teacher Education

A quality education is one that focuses on the whole child—the social, emotional, mental, physical, and cognitive development of each student regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, or geographic location. It prepares the child for life, not just for testing.

A quality education provides resources and directs policy to ensure that each child enters school healthy and learns about and practices a healthy lifestyle; learns in an environment that is physically and emotionally safe for students and adults; is actively engaged in learning and is connected to the school and broader community; has access to personalized learning and is supported by qualified, caring adults; and is challenged academically and prepared for success in college or further study and for employment and participation in a global environment.

1. Introduce technology in the classroom

The modern teacher looking for new ways to engage with their students must be innovative and explore using technologies that appeal to the students. This does not necessarily mean large investments in screens and apps. Instead, teachers can use videos, digital games, free online resources and digital tools that can be easily implemented in their classroom. Young students are more adept with technological skills, so by integrating technology into the classroom, you will instantly help your students learn better and faster.

2. Personalise the learning experience of the students

One of the most effective ways to teach is to personalise the learning experience to meet the needs of each individual learner. While one-on-one instruction geared toward the strengths and challenges of each student has been the most idyllic teaching goal across ages, the various technological advances have finally allowed it to become an easily attainable reality in the classroom.

3. Involve Parents in The Classroom

The best teachers do not teach in isolation, but they work with the students, keeping parents involved and informed at all times. One of the best ways, to do this is with the use of school ERP systems to keep the parents updated on their ward's performance. You can also use the school management apps, to recruit parents to be part of the teaching system, thus making the parents more involved in schools and classroom.

4. Empower students to be active learners

One of the best ways to improve the quality of teaching in a classroom is for the teacher is to guide students to be active learners rather than simply be spectators. Active learning can best be described as a process when students engage with the material, participate in the class, and collaborate with each other as part of the learning process.

Quality of teacher can be improved by :-

Good Communication skills

One of the most essential qualities of an ideal teacher is the possession of good communication skills. A teacher's professional ability to interact with fellow educators, parents, and students in multiple languages play a crucial role while acquiring a teaching job or during promotions. Presently, having good command over the English language as well as the regional dialect is one of the major requirements for becoming a teacher, as they help them to create an effective student-focused teaching and learning environment for students.

Good Classroom Management Skills

Teachers with good classroom management skills have better foresight with engaging and disciplining students in classrooms. Thus, acquiring the attribute not only paves a path to a better relationship with the students but also greatly aids in professional development for the teachers

Good Student-teacher collaboration skills

Possessing good student-teacher collaboration skills allows teachers to interact and communicate better with students, attend to the needs of students' quickly, and resolve learners' problems relating to the subject(s) more efficiently

Plenty of patience and confidence

Possessing personality character attributes such as patience and confidence, identified with being a sympathetic individual and having an affectability to students, are one of the best and powerful characteristics required to become a successful teacher/ principal.

Capacity to structure engaging teaching and lesson plans for students

The most critical and complex part of being a teacher is creating an effective teaching strategy for students. Creating engaging lesson and unit plans gives teachers' perspective with regards to the lesson objectives, allows educators to anticipate problems of students, and ensures that the aim of teaching meets its targets and learning happen prosperously.

Cleverness in integrating Edtech with education

The Chalk and Blackboard teaching method is old and ineffective while trying to impart real-time education to students. Edtech, short for Education Technology, provide sophisticated platforms such as Learning Management System (LMS), Virtual Reality (VR) Classroom tech, and Smart Class technology to teach students theoretical concepts and complex subjects more efficiently using real-time scenarios, 3D demonstrations, and interactive audio & video presentations.

Standards in teacher Education

The teaching standards (officially called Teachers' Standards) were created, according to the Department for Education, to "set a clear baseline of expectations for the professional practice and conduct of teachers, and define the minimum level of practice expected of teachers in England".

They are statutory, which means that you must follow them in order to be allowed to teach, but they are also an excellent tool for reviewing your professional development and ensuring that you're on the right track. Being familiar with them can prevent you from making silly mistakes that could jeopardise your future as a teacher.

Importance of Standards Based Instruction

In order to ensure that the student is given clear and precise instructions, it becomes necessary to align instruction with standards.

Standards ensure better accountability – holding teachers and schools responsible for what goes on in the classrooms. The practice of aligning learning to standards also helps ensure that a higher level of learning is attained, guides teachers in the process of assessment and helps keep them on track.

Standards based instruction helps guide the planning, implementation, and assessment of student learning. The use of standards to streamline instruction ensures that teaching practices deliberately focus on agreed upon learning targets. Expectations for student learning are mapped out with each prescribed standard.

Teachers follow standards based instruction to ensure that their students meet the demands targeted. Following a standards-based model for classroom assessment and instruction is an approach teachers use to track student performance and plan focused instruction to meet the specific needs of students.

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