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Important Ingredients for Improving Student Motivation

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Abstract

Motivation is probably the most important factor that an educator can target in order to improve learning. Numerous theories have been postulated to explain motivation. However, no single theory can explain all human motivation. The fact is that human beings in general and students in particular are complex creatures with various needs and desires. The Important Key Ingredients imparting motivation include, student, teacher, content, method and environment. The main focus or aim of this article is to provide the educator with some ideas relating motivation.

Introduction

Motivation is defined as the act or process of motivating the condition of being motivated. It is a motivating force, stimulus or influence incentive drive, something that causes a person or student to act and the expenditure of effort to accomplish results. Various principles and theories have been presented to explain motivation. Student motivation is an essential element that is necessary for quality education. Basically very little learning can occur if students are not motivated on a consistent basis.

The Important Key Ingredients importing student motivation are student, teacher, content, method & Environment. The Teacher must be well trained, must focus and monitor the Educational Process, be dedicated and responsive to his/her students and be inspirational. The content must be accurate, timely, stimulating to students current and future needs. The Method must be interesting and beneficial. The Environment must be safe and positive.

The main theme and aim of this article is to provide educator with suggestions that can be used to motivate students.

Ingredient 1st – Student

No one can push anybody up the stairs unless he/she is willing to climb up himself/herself. The Student's role in education is crucial and should go beyond the traditional view of student as the recipient of knowledge.

Schools should become learning habitats where in the teachers must become the imputers of knowledge that students can intake some tips for their improving. The student-contribution to motivation are given below. Students are enhanced towards learning when the following factors persists: –

(i) **Insnisic and Exminsic Factors** –Students who are motivated externally are at greater pick to perform low academically than intrinsically motivated students.

(ii) **Various Individual and Social Factors:** It is necessary to be motivated and to make right efforts. Extrinsic motivation is significantly affected by the probability of finding a job, the attitude towards the peer group, the level of incoming knowledge, appropriates to the classroom.

Ingredient 2nd-Teacher

Teacher is a really a great person who makes a student feel that he/she can too become great. The teacher must be empowered to exercise professional judgement in the classroom to attain the goals clearly. The following advice are offered regarding 2nd ingredient or teacher's contributions to student motivation.

- Use inventive teaching techniques.
- Encourage students to use technology
- Making Learning both interesting and entertaining.
- Make each student feel special.
- Helping students outside of the classroom and at odd hours.
- Motivate them to achieve at their max level.
- Provide tools for their carriers.
- Promote practical work experience.
- Teach them how to use

Ingredient 3: Content

"What the mind of man conceives and he believes he can achieve" – Napoleon Hill

At least content must be accurate and timely. However content should also be relevant and useful to student in his/her life. A student's motivation depends on the extent to which the teacher is able to satisfy student's needs for –

(i) Feeling in control of learning.

(ii) Feeling competent

Conclusion

What is the best way of motivating students? The short answer is that all of these strategies can be used as often as possible. The best way of motivation is to hold these theories in one's mind. Motivation in classroom is a function of 5 components-- student, teacher, content, method & environment. Aspects of any of the 5 components could contribute to or hinder to the process of motivation.

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