

Professional Ethics for Teachers

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Abstract

Teaching has been accepted as the noblest profession among all the professions because teachers create world by creating the citizens of future who inherit the world from their fathers. Teacher is the one who can shape it and change it and what they do makes an impact on the world. In this noble profession not only the students learn but the teachers also learn the lessons of life. Teaching not only shows the right path that the students should follow but also inculcate the ethical principles, knowledge, decision making that helps them in contributing resource for the further development of the nation. Teaching has a great power to shape and to prepare the young generations to be experts in related spheres. All professionals have adopted the same method to bring the change in them. A teacher must not only be a master of the material but also an effective communicator, quick problem solver, constant innovator and social organizer. Present paper highlights professional ethics for teacher educators. We should mould ourselves as per changes in society. We must consider the right and wrong aspects for every event.

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Introduction**Ethics**

is basically a system of moral principles. The origin of the term ethics is derived from a Greek word 'ethos' which means custom, habit, character or disposition. Ethics decide how people make decisions and lead their lives. The philosophy of ethics is concerned with individuals and social good (David Carr, 2000).

Professional Ethics

Professional ethics is a term that encompasses the organizational and personal standards of behavior a professional individual is expected to possess. Professional ethics are guidelines of morality which a teacher has to follow during teaching learning process. The ethical principles are the foundation to differentiate between desirable and undesirable behavior. To sum-up we can say that professional ethics are valuable tactics that are enforced by teachers in relation to the students, colleagues and community (David Carr, 2000).

Professional Code of Ethics

A code of ethics is the standard that sets adequate behaviors for a given group of people. Professional ethics as a reference point for decision making can be utilized to make an outline for the frame work for discipline. Code of ethics groups out five essential principles which affiliates must apply: integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behavior.

Teaching a Noble Profession

The word 'teaching' can be defined as communication between the teacher and the taught as far as it is related to conveying of the knowledge and guidance to the learners, to cover almost every aspect of education which the students are expected to learn from a teacher and which the teacher will teach them using all the teaching techniques and aids available to teach. This includes motivation, encouragement and character building of the students. A good teacher must understand each and every trait of each of his/her students to deal them accordingly (Detlef R. Prozesky, 2000).

Skilled ethics can be said to those things that help us reach academics supervising the works while communicating each level of related relations. Our works should be more relevant, full of objectives and meaning. The promotion of identifying between good and bad should be our aim in skilled ethics. Some are as follows-

1. It promotes a sense of responsibility, honesty and integrity.
2. It enables the students to distinguish good and bad.
3. It makes the profession effective by continuous evaluation.
4. It enables the teacher to know and to develop the students' capacities.
5. It gives the students a conducive environment to learn.

Aim of the Study

A teacher should have a professional ethics. Professional ethics enables the teacher to provide quality education and indoctrinate good values among the learners. Professional ethics also helps the teachers to comprehend their profession as a teacher.

Teachers as Professionals

A professional educational qualification does not make teacher a professional. Teaching as a profession is very hard because it encompasses many roles to be done well. The certificated teacher is the vital component in the delivery of instruction to students, regardless of the mode of instruction. A teacher has professional knowledge and skills gained through proper preparation and practice. Teachers provide special caring service to students by analyzing their needs and by planning, choosing and using means and evaluation procedures designed to encourage learning. The process of a good teaching includes action-reaction, query-response, need and instruction strategies chain that effectively creates a path to make the students learn by continuous evaluation. These processes must be free of discriminatory practices and should contribute to the all-round development of students who are actively engaged, accountable and contributing members of a self-governing society. The educational interests of students are best served by teachers who practice under conditions that enable them to exercise professional judgment. There are many professional functions which the teacher has to follow in his teaching profession. Some of them are as:

1. Acquiring ability to evolve and adapt methods and techniques suited to different situations and to evaluate their effectiveness.
2. Acquiring ability to improvise and use audio visual aids suited to different classroom situations.
3. Developing positive attitude towards teaching as a profession and create self-confidence as a teacher.
4. Understanding the developmental needs of students at various stages of their growth.
5. Acquiring appropriate professional behavior.

Professional Standards in Teaching Profession

It includes-

1. A good interaction amongst experts, companions and students.
2. Having deep knowledge while teaching duty

is being performed.

3. Use of proper technical equipments effectively.
4. Overall evaluation giving a new spectrum of information.
5. Full concentration and total dedication while teaching.
6. Improving the behavior with good values.

Ethical Standards in Teaching Profession

For a good and effective teaching profession, some ethical standards are-
Care

To develop interest, insight, potential and compassion. Teachers should inculcate the good learning through positive influence following empathy in practice

Trust

The relation of a teacher and a taught is actually based on the trust. This embodies goodness, openness and honesty.

Respect

We should always honor the human dignity including emotional and wellness and cognitive developments.

Integrity

Ethical standards include moral deeds, honesty and reliability.

Importance of Professional Ethics

Some professional ethics as following-

Accountability

Humans always keep thinking and these thinking keeps changing with the time. Sometimes, some unethical tendencies also can be seen in our family, society and in profession. Skilled ethics makes us correct showing the true path.

For Self Satisfaction

Thoughts that come within our hearts are an example of self satisfaction method. This gives us a happy and a respectable life. Those who follow ethical principles are always honored.

To guide the conduct and behavior

Our behavior and conduct both are affected by the teachings of teachers. An important fact viz. professional ethics tells the teacher as how to inculcate good moral values into the minds of the students.

Balanced personality

A balanced behavior is demanded by the society from the teachers that is also a part of profession like teaching. This gives the power to the society to boost more and more.

To become role model

If a teacher is disciplined and punctual, this would really leave a long lasting impact on the students and encourage them to follow more good morality and positive manners from their teachers continuously.

Development of society

An institution and a society both share some common traits as they are influenced by each other. A teacher can make a society great by imparting good knowledge in the students to shape a society better.

The skilled excellence

Different disciplines follow different rule and regulations to perform a specific task. If they help one another, it would produce good outcomes.

To Boost Skilled Setting

If our ethics and values are good, we have the immense respect for the professional work culture. One should always heed to these ethical codes.

To follow norms and principles of the profession

Rule and regulations guide a discipline and make necessary laws to work properly in any group. It is important that these goals should have some ethics which would help to achieve the target later.

Professional Obligation of the Teachers

We should be accountable to ourselves. This is what obligation is called, that make frameworks that are inter-related with students, society and parents. Teachers are accountable for their respected fields. Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 gives some responsibilities to all the teachers to follow while executing their performance in the respected fields viz. teaching etc.

Obligation towards Students

Students and teachers play a pivotal role in education system. Some steps of obligation towards children by the teachers are as follows:

Effective teaching

Teachers' duty is to inculcate and to impart good teachings and lessons into the minds of each child. This should be done with the help of good resources and audio-visual aids.

Emotional development

Some students are emotional. So, teachers should pay special attention to them. Our resolution will make the students stronger refining their values and demeanor. Teachers should cater their every need.

Maintaining discipline

While teaching students teachers may come across some habits that are not acceptable and create hindrance in the class. So, a teacher has the responsibility to bring them out maintaining the discipline in the class and in society both.

Inculcating decision making ability

Our success and failures both are responsible for our abilities of decision making. Good morale, encouragement, inspiration and teachings with deep knowledge make us successful while despair, depression, anxiety bring failures.

Improving leadership qualities

The quality in students to lead is a unique feature. Teachers should cultivate this quality in them too.

Obligation towards Parents

There are several duties of teachers that they fulfill by imparting timely information to children. This helps us deciding the future of the students. Some are as following:

Providing information

Teachers should make the parents aware of the progress children are going through while they

are as taught. This is their right to know about the overall progress made by their children

Helping Parents Decide

Scope and success nowadays depends upon the right selection and exposing the ones potential teachers should inform children's parents in this regard which would help him in Decision making as a career

Share Findings about The Aptitude

Teachers have all round knowledge of all the students all about their capacities and capabilities which they should share with their parents.

Help improve the Environment At Home

If any time any student come across certain problem which he finds difficult to solve teacher can tell his parents how to solve that by him at home.

Create a relationship between Parents and School

Teachers duty to stay the parents informed all about the school functions, progress ,Comforts, activities and change and syllabus.

Obligation towards society

Teacher has to play a great role in in shipping up society. Which encourages all citizens to think about nation building etc.

Making the students aware about the social norms

There are so many rules and regulations in any society. So, A teacher has to play an important role so that everyone follow the some norm and keep the society in order.

Help students understand their rights and duties

A teacher plays his role as a guide that make the people aware all about their all right that they should have.

Impart ethical values

Ethical values keeps a society in order and help it run smoothly so this should be all teachers duty to impart good knowledge and values to all students.

Teach tolerance

Teachers should make the students learn to respect all the sects and relations. The country we are living in is diverse so this will help in ensuring the peace and prosperity of the society. they should learn living in tolerated community.

Help promote nation integration

Any country prosperous, if all it citizens are are working for nation building. Those who are divide and having no unity, can't prosper at all. we should promote harmony, peace, unity in diversity.

Obligation towards profession

Teaching is supposed to be a good profession. Which is noblest in all the professions some obligations are given below -?

Enhance the professional apparatus

Since teaching is considered one of the noblest professions, one should always stick to following the code of conduct exhibiting professional behavior and tendencies .

Honor the profession

Teachers should have a complete dedication and righteousness towards the profession and the institution as well.

Help the profession grows

Teachers should conduct research frequently reading out all from everywhere and get them published in the various journals and in magazines etc.

Improve the work culture

Teachers should create a conducive environment maintaining friendly relationships with the companions in the Institution. Formulation of policies and participation in meetings should always be the part of work culture.

Maintain confidentiality

Teachers should follow the confidentiality with regard to records written or unwritten. They must not share them with anyone they should not perform such things which bring help him to them and to their Institutions individually.

Conclusion

Teachers should focus on imparting quality education. It is the main duty of the teacher to bring maximum development of their students. Teachers' should show an equal level of dignity to his profession, institution, students, colleagues and parents. Teachers' should specially stress on developing the professional ethics within them. Teachers should take the indebtedness of teaching profession seriously and perform their duties efficiently. Therefore, for successful teaching, the knowledge of professional ethics and its implementation is very essential for teachers.

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