

SUGGESTIONS FOR BECOMING A MASTER TEACHER



A MASTER TEACHER ...

1. HAS A PASSION FOR AND LOVE OF TEACHING.

- Loves to teach and work with students.
- Is dedicated to student learning and success.

2. KNOWS, APPRECIATES AND RESPECTS THE STUDENT PERSPECTIVE.

- Remembers what it is like to be a student.
- Shows respect for all students.
- Knows how to and appreciates learning from students.

3. IS ALWAYS WELL-PREPARED TO TEACH.

- Knows the subject matter well beyond the text and lesson plans.
- Is able to help students learn the subject matter and to appreciate its relevance to them and society.
- Uses student time in and out of class effectively.

4. IS A ROLE MODEL FOR ENGAGED LEARNING.

- Shares personal learning stories and experiences with students.
- Sets high expectations for students from the start.
- Demands of self the same traits, effort, expectations and commitment demanded of students.
- Is open-minded to new perspectives and ideas.

5. STRIVES TO CONTINUOUSLY IMPROVE AND DEVELOP TEACHING SKILLS AND ABILITIES.

- Tries new approaches, pedagogies, and materials; willing to experiment.
- Is prepared for failures and learns from them.
- Learns from talking to and observing other teachers and students.
- Discusses teaching and learning with colleagues.
- Studies pedagogy, student learning theories and use of technology for learning; is creative.

6. MANAGES TIME WISELY.

- Able to balance work and personal life; other obligations don't distract from effective teaching.
- Ensures adequate time for preparation, grading, interacting with students and colleagues, and continued learning of subject matter and pedagogy.