

Social Responsibility for me as a teacher

A teacher is in a very influential position. He can influence what his students talk about, think about and eventually what they become. It is not only the safe and welcoming environment that he is responsible for, but much more than that.

Because of this, he must treat all students fairly, inclusively and respectfully. Every student learns at a different pace, they come from different socio-economic background, with different religions, culture, sexual orientation and ethnicity. And a teacher's responsibility is that they all reach their full potential.

Also, because of the above, the teacher's personal opinion must be kept out of the classroom. It is alright to discuss politics or religion in general terms, what is more, it is necessary to touch upon these topics, but a teacher should never force his views on the students. It is important that students think for themselves and formulate their own views of the world with the tools and knowledge the teacher provides, in a safe and open-minded environment.

It is also important that teachers educate their students about the importance of lifelong learning. In today's fast changing world students might work in jobs and need skills that today don't even exist yet. It is imperative to teach students how to learn for themselves and never stop learning.

The same refers to teachers themselves. As a teacher, you learn something new about yourself, your students, pedagogy, methodology, stress management and organizational skills every day. And what is equally important, the academic material changes too, so teachers have to make sure they are up-to-date with their material. It is not right to teach decades old material to students, the teacher has a responsibility to keep his knowledge current.

With this writing I hope I managed to show and prove that I, the teacher, am a torch. I send out light into the darkness. I show the way. Without me even those who have eyes are blindfolded. I guide people in directions I see fit. I take knowledge to places that lack knowledge. I am the hope and means for future generations. I am the master of ceremony. I make the rules so that everyone I teach has the chance to become what he or she was born to become. I spread knowledge in a safe and open-minded environment. I give tools to think. And I pass on the message that one should never stop learning.

I am a teacher. And what you have read is my social responsibility.