

Acid Test for Teacher (The never-ending challenge)

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Abstract: In the educational setting, teachers are considered masters of all the masters. Teachers made the Presidents, Senators, Congressmen, Governors, Mayors, Consultants, Businessmen, Doctors, Engineers, Actors, and many more. But the answer to the question of reality on "how effective and efficient these teachers are" is always depends on the hand of those people they have served, the students in particular. Teachers are always the first to blame if there are things happened to the students, for poor academic performance as an example and first to accept the painful and sad truth in the reality of life.

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Meaning never ending process of acquiring knowledge and information. People are supposing to continue to search for a new knowledge to cling to, new learning to hold and new ideas to use for self improvement and in satisfying the needs of one's life, group of people and organization as a whole for the benefit of the nation. It proves that once you have open your eyes and mind to education the more you become eager to learn new things to support the most noble profession to deliver the best possible way by surpassing the learners' expectations.

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ACID test usually considered as a self-test of a teacher on his/her relevance and worthiness to the institution and to the general public where he/she is serving. And here is the method on how we can evaluate ourselves as teachers. Especially in times of pandemic that we should not only focus on the content of what we will be sharing with the students but mostly on the situation that most of the people are experiencing. This is the appropriate time to make use of the three (3) H's, the Head, the Heart and the Hands. Since everybody is affected with the New Normal scenarios, we should, as teacher to be equipped with necessary intelligence while affectively prepared and skillfully capable with the possibilities comes the delivery of lesson in different modalities.

A - stands for *Availability* of a teacher not only in teaching the students with the subject matters derived from the syllabus but for all the activities of the institution that need to attend to like meeting, faculty development seminar, and other activities that might assigned to the faculty whenever possible. This is one way to test the teacher's cooperation and visibility in the school premises especially if students need for consultation not only on the subject matters but on the personal matters as well. Personal contact with the faculty help the students develop their high morale, self confidence and self esteem because the teachers whom they looked at served as their guidance councilors and second parents at the same time.

C – Is for **Commitment** of a teacher not only on the assigned tasks (subject loads) but to the entire institution. Commitment is not only by complying with all the requirements but on handling difficult and problematic students to be more specific. It is the salient task of the teachers to commit themselves in the process of developing our students to be the future leaders of our society through giving assistance whenever possible and whenever the students need their expertise

I - deliberately intended for **Integrity** of a teacher. It is very important to a teacher to foster and maintained his/her integrity towards his constituents and to the students as well. Integrity is, if once lost cannot be retrieved even for a single mistake committed by the teacher. Yes, indeed, it is very important to be always available in times the students need assistance by making it sure that teachers should observe proper decorum and work ethics. Professionalism is always the name of the game for the teachers in dealing not only with the students but with the co-workers and parents as well

D - Is for **Dedication** of a teacher. Dedication means the focus and loyalty of the teachers in their respective work and to the institution he/she is serving. It is not only staying with the institution for quite sometimes or for a very long period of time. A true loyalty is always coming from the heart. Teaching religiously the subject matters to the students and observing proper decorum are few of the things to determine that teachers are dedicated. It is not always the practice of performing the assigned duties and responsibilities but by supporting the institutions' trust in developing our students to become future leaders of our nation without hesitation and complaints especially if it is for the good of the entire institution.

Through ACID test and as always, we, as teacher should put into action the true values of life and realize the true essence of being a public servant and a molder of minds of our future generations of men and women of actions.

1. The value of time;
2. the success of perseverance;
3. the pleasure of working;
4. the dignity of simplicity;
5. the worth of character;
6. the power of kindness;
7. the influence of example;
8. the obligation of duty;
9. the wisdom of economy;
10. the virtue of patience;
11. the improvement of talent;
12. the joy of origination.

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