

What Makes a Great Teacher?

You Do!



Every teacher has something wonderful to offer their students. Great teachers are not carbon copies. Different teaching styles apply to the “great teacher” label. Your teaching style is dependent on your personal preference, your students, and what is required at your school.

- Do you prefer doing a lot of hands-on labs or virtual?
- Are you animated or calm?
- Do you prefer written work or digital?
- What type of reading assignments do you prefer?
- Do you joke with students?
- Do you give sincere praise?
- What is the noise level you find acceptable?
- How often do you prefer group work and individual work?
- Do you get bored easily and like to switch things up?
- Do you like routines in your planning so that you have less anxiety?
- What is your ultimate goal for the students when they finish your class?
- What expectations do you have for yourself as a teacher?

I used to look for “the best” way to teach something or “the best” type of assignment.

- I found that there is no such thing.
- Some students respond well to one way and some to another.
- Sometimes variety is nice for the students and the teacher.

Your style may change as you and your students change. This can vary from year to year or even class to class. Remember when you are trying to find the “best” strategy, procedure, or lesson that there are multiple ways to accomplish a task. Discover what you and your students enjoy. It is a journey filled with trial and error, as well as successes as you try different approaches. Remember to never give up. Try something new or use an old faithful approach. Just like we want our students to try their best, we too must try our best. This is not a multiple choice test. The journey to being a great teacher includes the many roads we travel.

Make learning a process you enjoy together!

If you are interested in learning about different learning theories, check out this website.

<https://www.educationcorner.com/teaching-methods-strategies.html>