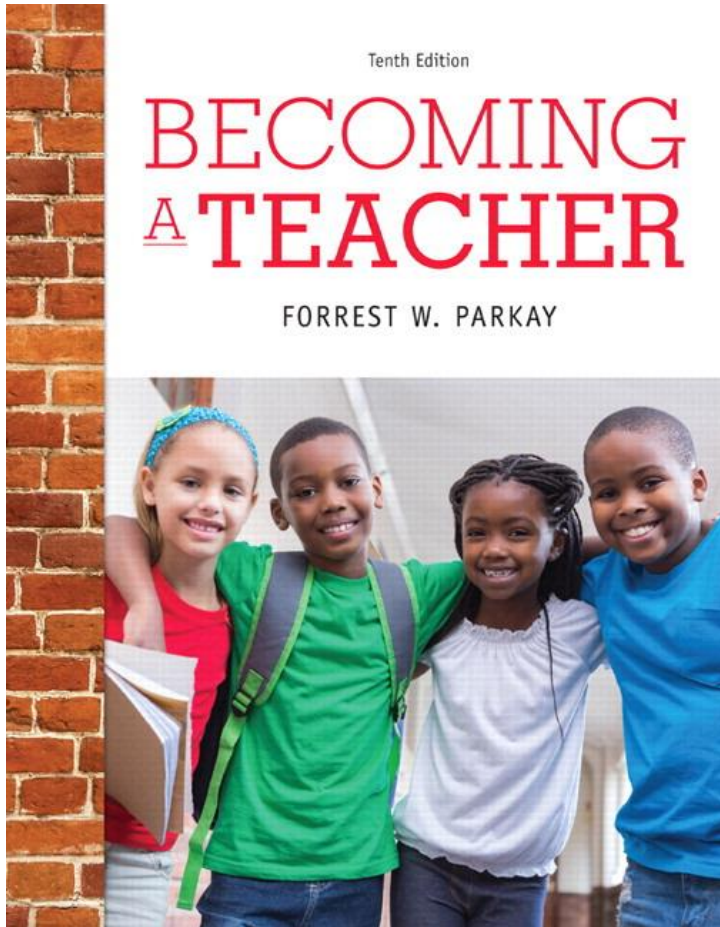


Becoming a Teacher

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Chapter 10 Creating a Community of Learners

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Focus Questions

1. What determines the culture of the classroom?
2. How can you create a positive learning environment?
3. What are the keys to successful classroom management?
4. What teaching methods do effective teachers use?
5. How do teachers help to build learning communities?
6. How do teachers participate in teacher collaboration?

What Determines the Culture of the Classroom?

Classroom Culture

determined by the manner in which teachers and students participate in common activities

Classroom Climate

atmosphere or quality of life in the classroom

- Determined by
 - How teachers interact with students
 - Exercise of authority
 - Warmth and encouragement shown
 - Amount of competition or cooperation encourages

What Determines the Culture of the Classroom?

Classroom Climate is Characterized by:

1. A productive, task-oriented focus
2. Group cohesiveness
3. Open, warm relationships between teacher and students
4. Cooperative, respectful interactions among students
5. Low levels of tension, anxiety, and conflict
6. Humor
7. High expectations
8. Frequent opportunities for student input regarding classroom activities

How Can You Create a Positive Learning Environment?

Caring Classroom

- Help students learn to fullest potential

Attention to Physical Environment

- Place furniture and seat students to enhance learning and movement in room

Classroom Organization

- Structure tasks, group students and use resources to optimize learning for all

How Can You Create a Positive Learning Environment?

Grouping

- Between-Class Ability Grouping
 - assigned by ability or achievement or goals (tracking)
 - Does not contribute to greater achievement
- Within-Class Ability Grouping
 - assigned to small homogenous groups
 - Can cause some students to be under taught and regrouping does not occur

How Can You Create a Positive Learning Environment?

Cooperative Learning

- Small groups 4-6 students
- Assignment required students to help each other on group project
- Groups may be set up to compete against one another
- Students may contribute based on talent, interests, and abilities

How Can You Create a Positive Learning Environment?

Delivering Instruction

- Authentic learning tasks helps students
 - Construct knowledge
 - Acquire deep knowledge
 - Engage in substantive conversations
 - Make connections between knowledge and real world

How Can You Create a Positive Learning Environment?

How Time is Used

- Allocated Time
- Time on Task
- Academic Learning Time
- Opportunity to Learn (OTL)
- Block Scheduling

What are the Keys to Successful Classroom Management?

Classroom Management Techniques to Establish a Productive Learning Environment

1. Creating a Caring Classroom
2. Classroom Organization
3. Student Grouping
4. Authentic Learning
5. Structuring Time

Positive leadership and preventative planning are essential to effective classroom management

What are the Keys to Successful Classroom Management?

Classroom management is prevention-oriented

- Goal of Management – Maximize student attention and minimize disruption

Strategies

- Furniture Arrangement
 - to monitor student behavior from any point in the room
 - To allow student movement with minimal disruption
- Keep interesting materials out of sight until needed
- Separate friends and students who dislike each other
- Assign chronically misbehaving students near the teacher's desk

What are the Keys to Successful Classroom Management?

Democratic Classroom

- Allowing students more power and responsibility over classroom activities
- Choice Theory
 - Human beings make choices that enable them to meet the need for belonging, power, freedom, and fun

Preventive Planning

- Eyes-in-the-back-of-the-head (with-it-ness)
- Ripple effect – using models to communicate expectations

What are the Keys to Successful Classroom Management?

Establishing Rules & Procedures

- Should be:
 - Carefully planned with clear explanations, examples and practice
 - Enforced consistently and fairly
 - Procedures (routines) and consequences (failure to follow rules) taught to students

Organization and Planning for Instruction

- Authentic Learning Tasks
 - Tasks that enable student to see connection between learning and real world

What are the Keys to Successful Classroom Management?

Effective Responses to Student Behavior

- Severity of Misbehavior
- Zero Tolerance
- Constructive Assertiveness
- Assertive Discipline Steps
- Teacher Problem Solving
- Developing Your Own Classroom Management Approach
 - Humanist approach
 - Behaviorist approach
 - Classroom management approach

What Teaching Methods do Effective Teachers Use?

Models of Teaching

Direct instruction – systematic instructional method that focuses on knowledge from teacher to student

- Orient students
- Review
- Present
- Assess
- Practice or apply
- Feedback
- Homework
- Review periodically

What Teaching Methods do Effective Teachers Use?

Mastery Learning

- All students can learn given time
- Student learn best in structured program
- Mastery Learning Cycle
 - Set objectives
 - Teach
 - Feedback
 - Correct
 - Teaching, Testing, Reteaching, Retesting

What Teaching Methods do Effective Teachers Use?

Methods Based on Child Development Modeling – thinking out loud

- Demonstrate thinking
- Making students aware of thinking
- Focus students on applying thinking

Constructivist teaching

- Teacher elicits prior knowledge
- Teacher presents material
- Students absorb and use information to construct meaning
- Students reflect and talk with others to construct meaning and solve problems

What Teaching Methods do Effective Teachers Use?

Scaffolding

- teacher provides clues, encouragement and suggestions to guide learning

Zone of Proximal Development

- point at which students need help to continue learning

What Teaching Methods do Effective Teachers Use?

Methods Based on the Thinking Process

Information Processing – cognitive branch of science concerned with how people use their long and short term memory to solve problems

- Sensory Memory
- Working Memory
- Long-Term Memory

What Teaching Methods do Effective Teachers Use?

Inquiry or Discovery Learning

- Students given opportunities to discover knowledge for themselves

Peer Mediated Instruction

- Motivation by students to excel and learn

Group Investigation

- Teacher create environment that allows students to determine what and how they will learn

Peer Tutoring

- Students are tutored by others in same class or grade

Cross Age Tutoring

- Older students tutoring younger

How do Teachers Help to Build Learning Communities?

Relationships With Students

- Quality relationships with students is important
 - Many dimensions
 - Primary responsibility: to ensure students learn as much as possible
 - Relationships should be based on
 - Mutual respect
 - Caring
 - Concern

How do Teachers Help to Build Learning Communities?

Relationships with Colleagues and Staff

- Professional cooperation or collegiality is important to help new teachers succeed

Relationships with Administrators

- Administrators, department heads, and supervisors are available to help new teachers as they face issues of concern

Relationships with Parents or Guardians

- Become acquainted with parents and guardians at school functions, PTA or PTO and community events

How do Teachers Participate in Teacher Collaboration?

Collaboration

- Working together, sharing decision making, and solving problems help to build a learning community.
 - School governance
 - Curriculum development
 - School partnerships
 - Educational reform

How do Teachers Participate in Teacher Collaboration?

Peer Coaching

- Teachers observing one another's teaching and providing constructive feedback.
 - Encourages teachers learning together in a safe environment

Professional Development

- Programs that encourage collaboration, risk-taking, and experimentation

How do Teachers Participate in Teacher Collaboration?

Team Teaching

- Teachers share the responsibility for two or more classes.
 - Dividing the subject areas between them
 - Preparing lessons and delivering instruction

Co-Teaching

- Two or more teachers teaching together in the same classroom