

**Traits of Outstanding Teachers
from
Experienced Teachers' Perspective**

Academic Credibility	Know your subject. (You don't have to know everything, but be willing to investigate questions you cannot know answer.
Caring	If a teacher doesn't care about EACH student, then what's the point? All that would be left would be the textbooks, endless papers, and meaningless tasks. Be sure to listen beyond the words they speak.
Commitment	To every child in the room
Compassion & Patience	Because we never know what kind of home they left in the morning before coming school.
Consistency	Have a routine and follow it everyday.
Dedication	To students and their success
Determination	Never give up on a child. You may be the one who makes the difference.
Devotion	To the profession
Encouraging	To every student
Enjoyment of your Job	If you do not like kids, you do not need to enter this profession, (no matter how much you love your content)!
Enthusiasm	For teaching and the profession (it is NOT about a paycheck or time off).
Fairness	Treat your students as you would like your own child to be treated.
Flexibility	For changes in the classroom as well as in the profession. If something doesn't work, always have a back-up plan. Know that education is always trying different things, so be ready to change the way you teach.
Healthy Time Management	Take and make time for yourself.
Honesty	If you make a mistake, admit it. This allows the students to trust you and see you as "real person", not just a teacher.
Humility	We all make mistakes.
Humor	The ability to laugh at yourself and the willingness to toss what you planned and go the flow when the need arises.
Inspiring	To all students, in all places, at all times.
Investment in Students' Success	Attend school events besides those you sponsor.
Kindness	Comes in little acts of caring.
Love	Smile and greet your students everyday. You may be the only person to pay any attention to them that day (or any day).
Organization	Life is a lot easier when everything has a place and is in that place.
Preparedness	Plan, plan, plan, and then plan some more!

Professional Dignity	Commit to do your best EVERY day.
Reality	Never believe that your subject is the most important class they take because <u>you</u> will definitely get your feelings hurt!
Resilience	Everyday will not be good. But, behind every black cloud there is a rainbow.
Self Control	You are the adult. Be sure you act like one.
Tolerance	Remember that being different is what makes life interesting.
Understanding	The ability to recognize that your students will not be acting or thinking like an adult.

REMEMBER:

It is **ALL** about the kids. If they are learning, involved and putting forth effort, then you are making a difference. You are touching a life beyond just the academic information you are teaching. Try to teach so that the students remember your lessons and are instilled with self-worth.