



Myths About Teaching

- 1 Teachers Must Retain All the Power**
In the 21st century, students are leaders and facilitators, not just consumers of information.

- 2 Classroom Rules Ensure Good Behavior**
Simply having rules does not prevent students from breaking them nor does it teach them self-management or control.

- 3 Students Should Be Intrinsically Motivated**
Remember: students are motivated (or have a lack of motivation) to learn for a variety of reasons.

- 4 Conditional Praise Is Necessary and Effective**
Giving students compliments or rewarding them because they have done something you like or appreciate can be manipulative.

- 5 Warnings Work**
A classroom management plan is only as effective as our willingness to follow through on the conditions we use to create it.

- 6 Administrators and Parents Should Be the Disciplinarians**
Counting on only them to take care of discipline problems may convey to students that you lack authority.

- 7 Teachers Need to Be Stern**
Some students shut down when faced with a teacher who is too stern and it can prevent strong relationships from forming.