



## Teaching Tips

- Preview, teach, review
  - Tell them what you're going to do
  - Do it! (Teach the material)
  - Tell them what you've done
- Present material as clearly as possible
  - Put yourself "in their shoes"
  - Remember how you first learned the material - helpful ideas, problem areas, what it felt like

## Fairness

- Be as fair as possible
  - Be careful not to "play favorites"
- Be honest and straightforward
- Don't "play games"

## Be prepared

- Be prepared: If you really know your material, you can concentrate on the more subtle aspects of being a good teacher
- Know your content:
  - Review material ahead of time before each class
  - Do homework before you assign it
- Don't try to fake it if you don't know the answer to a question - say you don't know, research it when you have a chance, and report back

## Your Style

- You will have to develop your own style in the classroom
- Be open and flexible
- Be approachable and available
- Be human - tell anecdotes from your life
- Try to enjoy your work and let it show
- Share your enthusiasm - it's contagious

## Care

- Learn your students' names as soon as you can
- Care about your students and let them know
  - If you stop caring, it's a sure sign that it's time to get out of the classroom
- Assume that you can make a difference in each of your student's lives

## Relationship with Students

- Respect your students and they will respect you
- Treat them as responsible until they demonstrate otherwise
- Caution: You cannot be their "pal" - you always have to maintain a certain distance

## Be Aware

- Make conscious teaching choices from the start, as you will be living with some of them for the rest of your career
- Try not to fall into a rut with your teaching
  - Question your practice
  - Challenge yourself to improve
  - Seek out new learning opportunities

Your students will not remember  
much of what you say to them,  
but they will remember  
how you made them feel.

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