

# **Strategies that Motivate All Students**

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*"The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of **attitude** on life. **Attitude**, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company....a church...a home. The remarkable thing is, we have a **CHOICE** every day regarding the **attitude** we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past...We cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our **attitude**.... I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you. You.....we are in charge of our **Attitudes**."*

*-Charles Swindoll*

**Goal #1 –**

**Goal #2 –**

**Goal #3 –**

**Goal #4 -**

# Positive Relationships Using the Emotional Bank Account

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How do we motivate? There is no magic wand. All students are unique so you must have a variety of motivational tools. Here are twelve ideas that you can try.

1. **Show them you CARE!!!!** Build a positive relationship with each child. Students don't care how much you know until they know how much you care. People do things for people they love or respect. Make deposits into each child's emotional bank account.
2. **Make what you are teaching interesting and fun.** One of the basic needs of all individuals is to have fun. People do things that are fun.
3. **Active participation.** Get them involved mentally, emotionally, and physically.
4. **Be excited and enthusiastic about what you are teaching.** If you are not excited about what you are teaching, how do you expect the students to be excited about learning?
5. **Have a variety of teaching strategies.** Everyone likes some variety.
6. **Help them be successful.** Success leads to more success. Celebrate success.
7. **Relate the lesson to things they like.** Find out their interests and try to relate the lesson.
8. **Effective classroom management.** Kids like structure. Students need to feel safe emotionally and physically in the classroom. If they are worried about being embarrassed, they will be less likely to try.
9. **Be a positive role model.** Students are looking for positive adult role models. Are you motivated, enthusiastic, positive, encouraging? You set the pace in the classroom as the teacher. Are you displaying the behavior that you want from your students? You reap what you sow.
10. **Work the room.** The more you move around the room and give feedback to students, the more encouraged students will be to work harder.
11. **Rewards.** Verbal praise, stickers, privileges, etc.
12. **Parent Contacts.** Be sure to make positive contacts early in the year and communicate with parents as soon as possible with concerns. You need the parents on your side.

