10 Things a Teacher Should Never Do

**1.) Don’t Try to Relive Your Student Days**

You’re on the “other side” of the desk now. Don’t try to dress, look or act like your students.

Maintain a professional image at all times. Watch boundaries with students.

**2.) Don’t Bad Mouth Another School Staff Member (especially to students)**

Work at cooperating with others you work with. Try collaboration and face to face

communication. Resolve conflicts respectfully together or with the help of an

administrator, if necessary**.** Do not allow students to speak negatively about

a colleague or the principal.

**3.) Avoid the 4 “D’s that Could Hurt Your Image and Your Career.**

**Dating-** avoid dating colleagues and certainly never date students’ parents.

**Drinking-**excessively in public will make you look unprofessional.

**Dressing**- If you can see through it, down it, or up it, don’t wear it!

**Discussing-**students or their families negatively with colleagues and othersparents

is unprofessional and unfair.

**4.) Don’t Post Inappropriate Items on Social Networking Sites.**

Put your postings through the 4 P’s Test. If you wouldn’t want your principal,

pastor, parents, or the police to see it, don’t post it!

Remember that social networking sites are only private if you have no friends.

**5.) Don’t Claim to Have All the Answers.**

Admit you are wrong when you are and apologize.

Learning from mistakes provides opportunities for growth.

When a student asks you a question you do not know the answer to, fess up.

Use it as a teachable moment.

**6.) Don’t Fail to Follow Through**

Get back to parents in a reasonable amount of time.

Let others know you are a reliable person by following through on commitments you make.

**7.) Don’t Be Crass in Class, Especially at the Expense of a Student.**

Your words are powerful. Never use words (slang, profane, off color) or expressions

in class that should not be used in the presence of children.

Remember that using sarcasm or inappropriate humor at a student’s expense is hurtful

and will strain your relationship with both students and their parents.

**8.) Don’t Stop Learning**.

Maintain your love for teaching by finding joy in new learnings.

New ideas and strategies will keep you current no matter how many years you have been

teaching. Be a life-long learner!

**9.) Don’t Forget What Your Contract States.**

You are called to be a professional, dedicated, competent, cooperative, committed Catholic

School Teacher in all ways and always.

**10.) Don’t Give Up-Ever!**

Teaching is challenging work. Giving up is the easy way out. No matter what the time

of the school year, your students deserve the best.

Learn from your successes. Learn from your failures.

Every student is worth the trouble. Every student has the potential to succeed.

Every student is a child of God.

As a teacher, you have the knowledge to know the difference between working hard and

hardly working. You have the power to create experiences that shape the future of a

student positively.

***Remember, that years from now your students may not always remember the things***

***you taught or the things you did, but they will always remember how you made them***

***feel!***