

7 Principles of Education

Inspired by the Piacezner Rebbe zy"a



1 Respect

Show your students that you respect them as individuals, that you recognise their value and essential greatness.

2 Define

Gift your students with different lenses of perception through which to see their identity and all of life. Help them *reconsider their definitions* and rediscover the true nature of things.

3 Preserve

Make it clear to your students that your intention is not to change them in a *quantitative* way (those shifts will follow on their own, at the right time) - only to infuse their current interests, hobbies, passions etc. with a deeper sense of quality, perspective, and meaning.

4 Empower

Teach your students that you don't intend to "force" them to do something they don't want to do. Your interest is not in *forcing* them to perform a set of particular actions or simply to go through the motions, but to help them *want* it in the deepest way.

5 Mobilise

Grant your students a sense of mission. Help them sense your belief not only in what their growth can accomplish for *themselves*, but what their growth can accomplish for *the entire world*.

6 Empathise

Show your students that you truly care for them. That you share in their pain, in their struggles and confusion. Let them know you're there for them, that they are not alone.

7 Encourage

Present your teachings in a context of hope and encouragement, never anxiety, pressure, or despair. Your students will succeed, without a question. It's a matter of *when*, not *if*. And if they are on the growth-journey, they are *already* succeeding - each in their own unique way.

