**The relationship between teachers and students**

“True teachers are those who use themselves as bridges over which they invite their students to cross; then, having facilitated their crossing, joyfully collapse, encouraging them to create their own.”- [Nikos Kazantzakis](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/5668.Nikos_Kazantzakis)

**Second Essay**

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I believe that in a school or an institute, there should be some kinds of regulations for students to follow only because those places serve as public organizations. Without rules and policies, it would be hard to manage all students and to give their attention all the time. Through keeping the rules, students become more mature and attain the importance of keeping their learning obligations to the public. In addition, that makes students better members in society. Along with rules and regulations, the school or institute should extend full concern to students. When students are in trouble dealing with their study or any kinds, they have a right to be cared for teachers and organizations they belong to.

When the school has ‘English only policy’, I think the rule should be strict especially for students whose native speaking is not English. This policy is made for students’ speaking improvement and it won’t work well without strong rules because students have a tendency to speak their native language in any circumstance. Therefore the rules have to be specified and strict. If students are cut from their mother language speaking for once, they get warning and when it comes three times, they get deduction for their grades. If they speak their mother language continually after getting warning and penalty of their grade, they have to be asked for if they really want to be in school because it really bothers to people who want to follow the rule. In this case, the teacher and students should talk in private because students can be embarrassed.

The strong regulations also should be applied for dealing with tardiness and absence in school. Students who are frequently late and absent are in big trouble because they can’t follow their study well therefore, I think the rules have to be strict. For instance, if students are late for three times, it counts as one absence, and if they miss the class three times, the grade should be deducted. When students are absent for more than 5 times without proper reasons, the students have to come with their parents for counseling. Also if students miss a half of the semester, they should re-do their grade. I don’t think it is good idea for students to get just few days suspension from the school. It is not an appropriate way to solve the problems. I also think students who are not late or absent a single day should get rewards from school. The students should be proud of what they have done. Depends on learners, the rewards can be different. If they are young learners, they get candies, stickers or toys. If the learners are adults, it will be a good idea that they get extra points for their grades.

I believe that a teacher can be another parent for students especially when they are young. When they need help for their major presentations, teachers should take care of them with sincerity. Students can have both academic and emotional problems while preparing the presentation. They might have questions about topic and flow of arrangement of materials or they can be very nervous before the presentation. To help students, I think teachers should have office hours at least two times a week and notify them in syllabus. To better communicate with students well, teachers should check emails regularly. Teachers should inform students the phone number and available time to reach. It is also important that teachers make students feel comfortable to contact and talk about any problems they have while getting ready for presentation. Teachers should encourage students and frequently check if they are on right track. It will be a good idea that before the presentation, students bring the draft to teachers for checking and get correction to improve more for the presentation.

The relationship between students and teachers are very special. Teachers should be both strict and tender depends on situation. For well established rules and policies in school, sometime teachers should be stern to control students. However, whether teachers are harsh or gentle the one thing very important is that teachers have to give full attention to their students. If they don’t care much about students, the rules and regulation wouldn’t be necessary. Students should be cared for if they have questions regarding of their learning so that they can keep up their study. Also, if students have a problem about adjusting the environment of the school, teachers should talk and ask first if their students need help. When the students and teachers have enough communication, I believe that the schools have the opportunity to decrease problems.