

# How to make your lessons a WOW for your students





If your students didn't have  
to be there, would you be  
teaching to an empty room?

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# TEACH LIKE A PIRATE

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# Why a pirate?



It's the spirit of a pirate that is daring, adventurous, willing to set forth into uncharted territories with their crew.

## Three Different Types of Passion Educators Have

1. **Content-** Within your subject matter, what are you passionate about?
2. **Professional-** Within your profession, what are you passionate about? What is it about being an educator that drives you?
3. **Personal-** Outside of your profession, what are you passionate about? Bringing those passions into a lesson plan personalizes you with students... Art, music, etc..

## IMMERSION

**Your students deserve your full attention. They know when you are not fully there in the classroom and engaged with them. If you are not engaged, why should they be?**

# Immersion





# Rapport

You need to have good rapport with your students if you want them engaged in the learning process.

1. Most students misbehave out of boredom, being overwhelmed with work they are not capable of doing, or a lack of connection with the lesson.
2. Get to know your students, what interests them, and use those interests in your lesson.



# ASK AND ANALYZE

- A question you should ask yourself is, "How can I make this lesson outrageously entertaining, engaging, and powerful so that my students will never forget it and be desperate to come back for more?"
- How can I improve my lesson?
- Would my lesson sell tickets?



# Transformation

You must be remarkable, so exceptional and different that people will talk about you in a good way.

The goal isn't about ego, it's about effectiveness.

It's about wanting your students to feel like entering your room is like entering a new world.

Always have the destination in sight, set the goal, and map out a plan on how to get your students where they need to be.



***“Teaching is no longer  
about relaying the  
content standard...  
It’s about transforming  
lives.”***

**~ Dave Burgess**

# ENTHUSIASM

**“NOTHING GREAT WAS EVER ACHIEVED WITHOUT ENTHUSIASM.”**

~Ralph Waldo Emerson

In order for students to be engaged in the classroom, the teacher must be enthusiastic about what they are teaching. In return, the students will feed off of that and be enthusiastic about the lesson as well.

## **Ways to promote Enthusiasm include:**

- Think about how to change your physiology - *Do you want to be powerful? Confident?* Try to move and act the way you want to come across.
- Focus on the positive - do not let negative aspects in the classroom change your mood. Focus on the positives and feed off of what empowers you.
- Try to model your enthusiasm - it will rub off on students and encourage engagement in the lesson.

Ultimately, excellent teachers begin with having passion for what is being taught and end with enthusiasm while instructing the lesson.