

The Laws of Learning

Introduction to the Seven Laws of Teaching*

- ☐ Excellence in teaching is a simple and natural process.
- ☐ Following fundamental rules in teaching results in excellent teaching.
- ☐ The seven laws have application in a wide variety of teaching situations.
- ☐ Enthusiasm, intelligence, and skill are qualities of excellent teachers.

1. The Law of the Teacher

- ☐ Teachers must be fully equipped with the knowledge they wish to communicate.
- ☐ Fresh study and preparation are keys to enriched teaching.

2. The Law of the Learner

- ☐ Student interest and attention must be generated by the teacher.
- ☐ A teacher's enthusiasm is contagious with students.

3. The Law of the Language

- ☐ The words used by the teacher must be easily understood by students.
- ☐ Illustrations, natural objects, and visual aids are important to good communication.

4. The Law of the Lesson

- ☐ Lessons are best begun with common and familiar experiences.
- ☐ Excellent teachers understand the background of their students and use it as a starting point.

5. The Law of the Teaching Process

- ☐ Expert teachers arouse and direct self-activities by their students, thus stimulating them to learn for themselves.
- ☐ Student skills grow with practical exercises involving their minds.

6. The Law of the Learning Process

- ☐ Excellent education helps learners to be investigative discoverers.
- ☐ Real and valuable learning is more than memorization.

7. The Law of Review and Application

- ☐ Review perfects knowledge, confirms knowledge, and makes knowledge ready and useful.
- ☐ Practical reviews are characteristic of excellent teachers.

Conclusion

- ☐ Taken together, the seven laws of teaching are freighted with meaning and will, when fully implemented, produce excellent teaching.