

*A SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL
AND AN IMPROVED
FRAMEWORK OF
LEARNING*

A Sustainable School



Sustainable education and learning aim to:

- improve the educational system.
- adjust to the demands of modern society and encourage communication and co-operation between all the members of the school community.
- modify and improve educational methods and means in order to respond to changes due to globalization and scientific and technological advances.
- create a school with a vision acting as a community.
- promotes democratic values, human rights, civilization and environmental awareness.
- incorporates the values of sustainability in all of its aspects.
- enables students to develop their talents, abilities and critical thinking.

The Teacher

Teachers play an essential role in the operation of a sustainable school, since they are in charge of facilitating their students' education.

A teacher should:

- be creative and energetic, refraining from transferring sterile information
- be responsible for the smooth running, co-ordination, implementation and evaluation of the lesson
- be a source of positive energy and passion, which they will pass on to their students
- attend professional development seminars throughout their career
- offer equal opportunities and orientation advice to all students
- act as a role model citizen, environmentally aware, available to students for consultation, avoiding addressing students through monologue



How to ensure a Sustainable School and Subjects

- Devote lessons to experiential activities and incorporate them in the school curriculum.
- Help understand and promote the values of democracy and human rights through projects and interactive activities.
- Ensure that those values are appreciated and implemented in everyday school life.
- Eradicate bullying through respect for human rights.
- Encourage free expression and team building for school-related issues.

How To Improve Learning

- Encourage interpersonal relationships and communication at school
- Make use of technology
- Differentiate between classes



Co-operation and Respect

Creating a sustainable school and improving the quality of the lessons entails a mutual feeling of respect between the teacher and student. This respect will have a positive impact on the process of learning and will facilitate both students and teachers.



Technology

Technology has invaded modern life and can benefit students, teachers and society in general.

Computers and other electronic devices have been introduced to teaching with multiple advantages:

- Students can access new sources of knowledge and information
- They facilitate co-operation among students under the teacher's guidance
- Attract students' attention and interest
- Make education fun through games and interactive activities
- Increase efficiency
- Are a user-friendly, renewable source of information

Allocating Students into Classes

Another way to improve the framework of learning is to allocate students to appropriate classes according to their educational level and abilities.

This has proved to lead to successful results, such as:

- Students are more interested, given that teaching methods and content are related to their educational level and needs.
- This division benefits teachers, too, who have to take into consideration not only **what** but **who** they are teaching.
- Creating the best possible conditions for personal development, ensuring an acceptable level of knowledge and skills.

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