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Being The One Who Cares: A Good Teacher  
In order to be a good teacher I feel that one needs to be open and understanding of different events that might take place in the classroom. Students today are not treated the same as they were during the beginning of education and we have a variety of students which attend our public schools.

There are girls, blacks, whites, Hispanic, and Native Americans and a number of other different races participating in our classroom studies. This is a wonderful accomplishment in our society. The variety of backgrounds which are found in the classrooms gives our young students a better understanding of different races and nationalities.

However, with growth there are always problems. Because there are students from different backgrounds, we must cater to all their needs. There may be students in our classroom with completely different religious beliefs or no beliefs at all. Teachers must understand each student and their personal beliefs to make their learning environment comfortable. Every aspect of our society has changed, we live in a more promiscuous society.

Our children are having children. We as teachers must educate our student to the deadly effects of unprotected sex. I feel as teachers earn tenure, they are more likely to effect the students in a more personally manner. Having a stable and open classroom, I feel the students will learn more and be a respected citizen in our society. In this project I will discuss, prayer in the classroom, AIDS and tenure. Prayer in school is a controversial issue that must be considered and dealt with as quickly as possible. All people should feel free to worship and have loyalties to whichever religion they choose. If no

religion is chosen, then the feelings of the person should be considered as will.

Everyone has an opinion on this subject, but everyone's opinion should not become an issue. Rather, the opinion should be offered in order to be accepted or rejected by the individual. I feel that a time should be set aside during the day to allow for mediation or introspection. This time could be used by the students for thinking, prayer, meditation or for private reflection. Therefore, those who choose to participate can do so privately. Since it is a quiet time, no religion is stressed, so whichever seems to be more important to the student, the student has the option to choose. An alternative to quiet time is to rotate prayers among all religious faiths with equal time being provided for all groups and religions represented. The schedule may be rotated daily or weekly between such choices as Christian, Jewish, and Catholic.

No shame should be placed on the students because of their personal beliefs, and adults must never censure, or in any way make light of a student's belief. Also, no student should be forced into or required to participate; all children should be allowed to either join in, or to sit quietly during this time. Like most things, this can be used as a positive tool for teaching respect for others. I feel this issue should be decided by individual school systems and not mandated by the courts. However, if the school does choose to have a religious moment, all religions should be represented.

This issue is a very private one, and no one should be judged by his or her feelings. Also, no student should ever be made to feel less than acceptable

for their personal belief. Teachers should keep in mind that not all children share the same beliefs, therefore, if one or more students choose not to participate in the prayer or quiet time, alternatives should be offered to them.

Reading may help the others to be quiet while those who choose to participate do so. If a child chooses not to participate, it should not become an issue between the student and the class or the student and the teacher. No student should ever be held up to ridicule.

The teacher should try to make all of the students feel as comfortable as possible whether they participate or not. If the subject is handled properly, this may help contribute to a better understanding of the difference among people. By teaching students that people are different at an early age, it may alleviate some of the hostilities between them as adults. Also, this will teach students tolerance to views that are different than their own. Students learn from what they see, if they see and share prayer with their