Buena Vista Schools High Quality TEACHING

In BV Schools, High Quality Teaching supports the development of the Profile of a learner by...

**Owning Student Success**
Operating with a “whatever it takes” approach by...
- Making sure students know what is required for success
- Ensuring individual students are working at a pace that optimizes their potential
- Being a persistent, positive presence in the students’ life

**Providing High Quality Curriculum**
Thoughtfully planning for and delivering essential concepts and facilitating thinking by...
- Insisting on and supporting growth in CTACHs and thinking by having students carry the cognitive load
- Teaching for transfer by helping students connect the important ideas of content with their own lives and experiences

**Sharing Responsibility for Teaching and Learning**
Valuing perspectives of students and supporting students to take charge of their own success by...
- Actively cultivating independent learners who direct their own learning
- Establishing and modeling thinking
- Demonstrating and modeling curiosity, passion, and interest to students
- Providing time for reflection

**Assessing to Inform Instruction**
Staying close to student progress to guide success by...
- Systematically observing students in different contexts and modes
- Documenting and capturing student thinking in a variety of ways
- Determining student interests, learning preferences and acting on those

**Building Community**
Establishing a culture of optimism by...
- Establishing active engagement, social connection, internal control and joyfulness
- Modeling and ensuring all students respect each other’s thinking
- Making sure everyone has an essential role to play

**Creating Varied Avenues to Learning**
Skillfully and intentionally using strategies to respond to student learning needs by...
- Presenting and facilitating in a various modes
- Offering tasks at different levels of difficulty and appropriate support

**Respecting Individuals**
Understanding students deeply, fully and connecting with them by...
- Providing tasks that are appropriately important, demanding, and engaging for each student
- Displaying open-mindedness and a willingness to consider alternative perspectives

**Implementing Flexible Classroom Routines**
Thoughtfully establishing management systems that can adapt to needs by...
- Using flexible groups of students based on readiness, interest, learning preferences, random, student choice, and teacher choice
- Setting schedule allowing for re-teaching and challenge of groups of students

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