

Eight Qualities of Highly Effective Teachers

- 1. Understanding of Learning:** Know that learning is a process of searching for meaning and the process is influenced by prior knowledge, experience, & beliefs.
- 2. Perception of Assessment:** Know that students' approaches to learning are influenced by their perception of how they will be assessed.
- 3. Provision of Feedback:** Provide students with feedback in advance of, and separate from, high stakes accountability.
- 4. Learning Environment:** Create a challenging but supportive learning environment.
- 5. Role Modeling:** Know they teach as much by what they do, as by what they say.
- 6. Ways of thinking:** Teach through a *signature pedagogy* that characterizes their discipline's way of working or thinking.
- 7. Knowledge/experience:** Have a keen sense of their discipline or field, with a deep understanding of its structure and essential questions or issues.
- 8. Engagement:** Know that if students are not addressing issues, questions or problems that matter to them, answers will not matter to them.