



10 Golden Rules for Beginning Teachers

oder:

Weniger ist mehr!

1. Set priorities in your work. There is strength in limitation. Choose your priorities carefully. Choose what you would like to do, what you are good at, what is important for you.
2. Learn to say no. Students, colleagues, parents and administrators often have expectations that you cannot always fulfil. You might be able to fulfill them at some other time!
3. Try to prepare your lessons flexibly. Students should look forward to German lessons and like to attend: Teaching that takes students seriously, that considers their interests and experiences and doesn't create conflict.
4. Look for cooperation with colleagues. Can you find someone you can plan lessons with or share ideas and resources?
5. Keep your sense of humour and learn to develop it. Take things easy and keep cool, even when things seem to be difficult. They only LOOK difficult NOW! Tomorrow or next week you might laugh about them!
6. Be happy if you handled a difficult situation better than before. Look at things carefully and appreciate what you have already learnt.
7. Find fun and joy with your friends and family away from school. There must be some kind of AUSGLEICH, or you will burn out.
8. Take notice of what is going on in your school and show engagement in school conferences and activities. If you are an engaged teacher, people will like you! Did you ever like lazy teachers?
9. As a teacher you cannot always be perfect and your lessons will not always be perfect, either.
10. Don't try to be someone you aren't, learn to be authentic. Personality develops in action and cooperation. Over the years you will become expert in communication and cooperation and planning.