

Loyalty to Your Teachers

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Loyalty, according to the dictionary, means fidelity, faithfulness, constancy, devotion. Loyalty should be one of the watchwords of every good boy and girl. Whether at home, at school, or on the playground, loyalty should be practised. Loyalty is a necessary virtue which every good pupil should possess. A pupil may be honest, obedient, industrious, bright and full of ambition, but he cannot be considered an excellent pupil unless he is loyal to his teachers and to the rules of his school. Loyalty should not be construed to mean bowing down like a lowly servant to a haughty master. A pupil can be loyal without being servile. Loyalty means, among other things, giving due respect and honor to everybody to whom respect and honor are due.

If a pupil talks ill of his teachers and school when he fails to get high grades

in his subjects or when he fails to get special privileges, he is not loyal. A pupil cannot rate properly his own worth. He may think that he is worth more, but his teachers who are in a better position to judge him may think otherwise. If a pupil thinks that he is being misjudged, he should not stop working hard; he should not get discouraged and sulk. He should keep on working hard just the same and very soon his teachers will find out that he is really worth more.

A loyal pupil is one who studies his lessons willingly and accomplishes his tasks whole-heartedly even without being watched or supervised by his teachers. A loyal pupil never seeks special and unreasonable privileges from his teachers. Loyalty cannot be seen, but it can be felt. Your teachers can easily tell by your actions, speech, attitude, spirit, and by the quality of your work whether you are a loyal pupil or not.

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