



## Role of Values and Ethics in Education

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### ABSTRACT

Education with Ethics and Values are very important in every phase of life. Education is the fundamental process of human life. Education gives us knowledge, helps in developing the powers of reasoning and judgment, and also prepares intellectually for a profession. Ethics teaches to identify the distinction between right and wrong and the values help in shaping the personality that of an individual. Education with Ethics and Values helps in the development of an individual and his contribution to society. The youth of today are less socially inferred and highly individualistic. Values and ethics should be addressed to the youth by making them aware through the education system which will make the students gain the confidence to face all the situations in their life. If these qualities are taught along with education in school/college, their homework and preparation become good. A good education should include strong values, as education along with values are needed to create great leaders Ethics and values directed how to live our lives and treat each other.; Ethics should be inculcated in the students through the educational framework as the students are a part of the society and tomorrow's nation's builders. This paper explains the meaning and importance of ethics and values in education which help in developing the personality of students and to make them responsible citizens.

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### I. INTRODUCTION

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world” Sir APJ Abdul Kalam has quoted. Education plays a very major role in building a society and it is very important to human being. It is a process that makes people knowledgeable, experienced, and matured. It makes an individual civilized, refined, cultured, and educated and is the ultimate way to get victory overall personal and social problems. It is a life-long process that starts with the mother's womb and ends in the tomb. “Education is the manifestation of perfection already in man” said by Swami Vivekananda for Education. Education empowers humans and gets them ready to face the challenges of life efficiently. It helps an individual take a better and informed decision with the use of their knowledge and enhances self-confidence in them.

Meaning of education: Education is the process by which an individual imparts or acquires general knowledge, develops the power of reasoning and judgment, and generally prepares one or others intellectually. It is both the act of imparting knowledge to others and the act of learning

## II. OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

- To understand the meaning of education, ethics, and values and the relationship between them.
- To understand the need for values and ethics in education

## III. MEANING of VALUES AND ETHICS

The word value comes from the Latin word “valere” which means to be worth, to be strong, utility and indicates importance or degree of excellence. Values occupy a central place in one’s life and give sense and strength to a person’s character, influences his/her thoughts, feelings and actions. Values are excellent directions and indicators for a person to do the right things and to avoid doing what is wrong and against nature. Human values help a person to be morally sound.

Mahatma Gandhi said “your belief become your thoughts, your thoughts become your words, your words become your action, your actions become your habits, your habits your become your values, your values become your destiny”

The word ethics has been derived from the Greek word “Ethos” which means character and from Latin word “Mores” which means customs. It can be defined as moral values, rules, or standards governing the conduct of a particular group, organization, professional and cultural ethics co-exist with one another. Together they influence the set of values .Being personally ethical means acting in accordance with one’s own personal code of ethics

**The following chart indicates how to inculcate Specific Values by enhancing human qualities among the students by various educational activities:**

Specific Values	Enhancing Human Qualities	Educational Activities
Aesthetic values	Love. Beauty	1. Developing fine Arts, like painting, music, recitation etc.
Spiritual Value	Patriotism, Spirit	1. Developing games and sports 2. Practicing yoga and meditation. 3. Introducing Gymnasium.
Moral Values/Ethics	Honesty, Integrity, Self Control, Discipline, Self Reliance	1. Program of NCC to be effectively activated. 2. Curriculum to be modified to add “value” education and internalize the “value”.
Social Values	Responsibility and contribution towards society	1. Programme of NSS to be given enough importance. 2. National days,, Birthdays of Dignified Personalities. Foundation day to be celebration. 3. Environment club to be opened to make the learners ore conscious towards surroundings.

#### IV. TYPES OF VALUES TO BE INCULCATED

The fundamental values that are needed to be incorporated in teaching which helps the students learn, to be honest, respect societal norms, and act in ways consistent with the values, beliefs, and moral principles are

- **Communal harmony:** Inculcating values and ethics brings about order and harmony in the community. When acceptable values are imparted to students it helps in producing a community that is crime-free and is respectful.
- **Tolerance:** Tolerance is a term that means respect for different views and beliefs, behaviors, and practices. Therefore, the educational institutions must educate such values to students by which they get along with each other, to understand human diversity, to be aware of social problems, and improve behaviors that counteract those problems.
- **National Integration:** When these values are taught in the educational institutions students will be able to understand different cultures, different languages, different clothing, unity in diversity, and also their importance.
- **Co-operation:** Teaching Cooperation in education help students to build a positive relationship and build a community that values diversity. It also helps the students to learn and develop higher self-esteem, and students cultivate a better attitude towards elders, teachers, and school. They aim for higher achievement.
- **Forgiveness:** People are revengeful and because of anger they don't forgive the mistakes of others. Forgiveness should be taught to students in schools and colleges. So that it becomes a habit and reduces violence in schools and colleges. If the moral values are given maximum importance, it can avoid violence and crime among the students. Marks of Internal assessment should also consider behaviours of students inside and outside the class which may be an excellent policy for the schools to adopt
- **Respect for Others:** Respect is an attitude and an act of giving attention or showing care. By learning the virtue of respect a child will succeed in life. A person with respect takes care of his responsibilities' takes care of his things and goes along with his peers and friends. Teaching the values like respect inside the classroom helps a student to succeed.
- **Respect for life:** Educational Institutions should impart a deep understanding of the value of human life and must educate the students on the evil of intentionally ending a human life, whether it is in the beginning stages of life from the womb, or at a later stage in life at times of facing problems, sickness, or disability, or as we reach the end of our life.
- **Personal Hygiene & Cleanliness of our surroundings:** Educational institutes must also include hygiene as a subject in the curriculum and also assign different cleaning tasks to students to keep the class clean and create a comfortable environment. By doing this the students learn to maintain a good environment in school and also practice the same at home.
- **Hard Work:** Hard work and determination are the virtues which have a long impact on the students even in their future dealing and which have to be taught at a very young age so that they become confident and hardworking. Students should be taught to put in more hard work even when things get harder so that they achieve their goals and aspirations.
- **Love and Kindness:** By teaching the trait of love and kindness to children, the children will develop traits like empathy, generosity, helpfulness, and courtesy. Honesty: Honesty is one of the most important traits that one should learn and be able to grasp at an early age. Honesty does not come naturally but it can be

adopted or taught. Students must be educated on honesty and that dishonesty and cheating is wrong and must tell the consequence the student is going to face in the future because of the habit of cheating

- **Compassion:** Compassion teaches the students to be sensitive to the needs of people, and it plays an important role in supporting social and cultural norms. It helps, to treat everybody equally with love and respect. If this virtue is being practiced by every individual there would be no people homeless, hungry and happiness would be prevailing all around the world.
- **Responsibility:** The student's responsibility is to communicate respectfully, and careful manner with the teachers, and other classmates of the School. Attend and participate in classes, seminars, and labs, along with effectively complete all the assigned work by a teacher in a given time.
- **Fairness:** It refers to the state, condition, or quality of being fair, or free from bias or injustice; Promoting fairness in the classroom not only gives the teacher respect but students also ensure that they are safe and they develop the virtue of trust within the classroom and outside. Creating such an environment that involves fairness, trust and respect proves to be beneficial to all the students in the class.
- **Trustworthiness:** Trust is the hallmark of a relationship. It is a virtue that has to be taught to students so that they start trusting people

#### APPROACHES TO INCULCATION OF VALUE AND ETHICS IN EDUCATION THROUGH CURRICULUM

- Subjects on ethical values and morals must be included in the curriculum.
- Debates and discussions on morals and values can be conducted. Competitions on related topics can be conducted in educational institutions.
- Code of conduct must be made compulsory in all educational institutions.
- Through games and activities teaching ethics and values can also be inculcated.
- Through drama, dance, songs—verbally or in written form through debate, discussion, essay, story writing artistically teaching values must be inculcated.

#### APPROACHES TO INCULCATION OF VALUE AND ETHICS IN EDUCATION THROUGH ACTIVITIES

- **Meditation:** Meditation for students and staff should be made compulsory in educational institution that helps to quietness the body and the mind. This enables a focus on thoughts and becomes more concentrated.
- **Prayer:** Prayer develops faith, devotion, and self-confidence and also improves memory and concentration Practicing this daily helps in inculcating the values of peace, true love, and nonviolence.
- **Religious celebration:** Celebration of festivals related to all religions must be put into practice so that mutual understanding develops between the students and the culture of different religions and places.
- **Sports and playground:** By conducting different types of games students will develop the qualities of cooperation, goodwill, punctuality, equality and teamwork.
- **Cultural programs:** Organizing cultural programs on different occasions enables students to know the national, historical, social, and religious festivals

### V. CONCLUSION

Moral values are definitely declining in today's society and there is lack of respect for one other. It can be concluded that education can solve different problems prevailing in society and it definitely plays a role in

inculcating desirable values and teaching ethics to the students. It has been said that the true philosophy of education is in the combination of Virtues, Values, and Validity of human life. It implies that there is a need to understand the criteria that can help in the development of human beings. Education should not be only imparting knowledge in a particular faculty or subject or making one fit for securing jobs or fare well in exams but they should also be taught to think logically, which can help the future generations adjust to the changing environment. Education should not only aim at obtaining only a degree but should include value-based teaching which results in character building and social improvement too. Qualifications and values are very important in an individual to become a complete human being. Ethics and values play a significant role in the integration and fulfillment of man's basic impulses and desire stably and consistently appropriate for his living. Ethics and values in Education teach a student to respect and obey the elder's teachers and follow the rules and regulations. It sets the standards of what is right and what is wrong.

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