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4. Sense of Responsibility

4.1 What is Sense of Responsibility?

Sense of Responsibility means an awareness of your obligations[1].

A sense of responsibility is an awareness of one's obligations. It can be defined as a general conscious awareness; "a sense of security"; "a sense of happiness"; "a sense of danger"; "a sense of self". Sense of responsibility is an important factor that cannot be overemphasized even in our society.

Sense of responsibility is important for social relationships in formal contexts, such as feeling responsible to fulfil professional obligations, as well as in such informal contexts as feeling responsible to provide help. In addition, personal sense of responsibility can have important implications for motivation and self-regulation (cf. Higgins, 1997; Higgins, Roney, Crowe, & Hymes, 1994). In educational contexts, various conceptualizations of teacher responsibility have been linked to such outcomes as positive attitudes toward teaching and professional dedication (Halvorsen, Lee, & Andrade, 2009), job satisfaction (Winter, Brenner, & Petrosko, 2006), positive affect toward teaching (Guskey, 1984), teachers' belief in their ability to influence students, teachers' willingness to implement new instructional practices (Guskey, 1988), and with student achievement (Lee & Smith, 1996, 1997).

4.1.1 Why is responsibility important?

Responsibility is significant because it gives one a sense of direction, in addition to building resilience amidst adversity on an individual and societal level. Like an addiction, sidestepping responsibility may feel good in the short-term, however, in the long run, it causes exponentially more pain and suffering.

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[1] https://www.thefreedictionary.com/sense+of+responsibility

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