

10 Recommendations to Add “Sparkle” to Our System of Education

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For Each School Board/School Staff

1. Begin school year with a **Prayer Breakfast**.
2. Implement the five principles identified in the publications *Putting Spirituality First* and *Policy of Zero Tolerance* based on principles identified in Philippians 4:8 and Ellen G. White’s “*Godliness is the goal to be reached*,” *Education*, p. 18.
3. Develop a supportive, nurturing relationship between school educational personnel and school board by implementing the suggestions from the handout, *Suggested Ways of Enhancing Relationships Between School Board Members and School Staff*.

To Enhance Teacher/Student Relationships

4. Use the principles identified in the publication *A Redemptive Model of Christian Discipline* when dealing with students involved in behavioral irregularities.

To Focus More on Developing Christ-centeredness in Schools

5. Enhance the **spiritual objectives** of the school by implementing four weeks of spiritual emphasis that are as follows:
 - A. Adult Week-of-Prayer
 - B. Student Week-of-Prayer (students trained to participate/conduct entire service)
 - C. Spirit-of-Prophecy Emphasis Week
 - D. Health Emphasis Week
6. Use the publications *Prayer Partnerships*, *Prayer Patch*, and *Daily Prayer List* to encourage students, teachers, parents, board members to include prayer as a core element in each school operation.

To Boost Student Academics

7. Adopt **Multiple Diploma Offerings** (regular diploma, Honors Diploma, Proficiency Diploma, Christian Service Diploma, and Diploma in Christian Leadership) to motivate students to a higher achievement level.
8. Enhance the **academic objectives** of the school by introducing and implementing a **Junior National Honor Society**.
9. For every nine week period, begin posting three distinct **honor rolls**:
 - A. *Academic Honor Roll* –(Grades)
 - B. *Attendance Honor Roll* –(Perfect Attendance)
 - C. *Citizenship Honor Roll* –(Appreciated Behavior, cooperation, attentiveness, adherence to teacher’s directions, etc.)
10. Begin working toward **Excellence in Education Award** which identifies 92 criteria associated with educational excellence. (This award parallels the Exemplary School Recognition Program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education.) In conjunction with this, focus on implementing the goals and essential core elements which must be included as part of the curriculum as identified in the publication, **Journey to Excellence**.