Am I My Students’ Mother?

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“The principal goal of education is to create men who are capable of doing new things, not simply of repeating what other generations have done.”
--Jean Piaget

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I didn’t know.

You expect me to...

Could you...

I would have but...

You expect me to...
...the test was today
...that assignment was being graded
...how to answer that question because you didn't use that formula in class
...I wasn't passing
...I had to come to class

taxes were due on April 15th
...I had to pay that bill
to fill out that form since I've never used it before
...I was expected to meet with that client
...I had to come to work
So what can you do?

- Provide a tentative calendar
- Include your schedule of instruction in the syllabus
- Post a daily announcement in your CMS summarizing class
- Post or e-mail unannounced opportunities
- Provide a spreadsheet to calculate their current grade
Could you...

- ...give us a review sheet?
- ...make a video on that?
- ...pretty that up and post it?
- ...post the solutions - not just the answers?
- ...make a template?
- ...give us a practice test?
Reality Check

- The supervisor will demand from you rather than you demanding from them.

- Businesses that prosper always look for a better way.

- Failure to show motivation and innovation will often cause promotions to pass you by.
Encourage Student Creations

Having students create now will better prepare them for the workforce.
You expect me to...

- Be on time?
- Stay until the end of class?
- Be more than just a seat warmer?

**Consequences**

- Arriving late to work will cost you, literally!
- Lack of motivation at work can be taken as a lack of respect resulting in job loss.

**Ideas**

- Start class with a graded assignment
- Start and end class on time
You expect me to...

- Remember a calculator/pencil/book/paper?
- Have my papers stapled and ready to turn in at the start of class?
- Write in a complete sentence using correct grammar? In a math class!

**Consequences**

- Loss of clients due to poor preparedness and writing skills.

**Ideas**

- Remove their ability to rely on someone else’s preparation
- Model quality in everything you produce (grammar, spelling, prepared lesson plan)
You expect me to...

- Do work outside of class?
- Study?
- Think?

In the real world...

- It is necessary to do what it takes to get the job done, even if it means working longer hours than usual

Ideas

- Test reflections
- Group projects requiring collaboration outside of class
I would have but...
“People do need to be a bit braver. When I was 4 years old, my mother dropped me out of the car to walk three miles to my grandmother’s house - to find my own way. That may be a bit extreme, but we need challenges. I think we mollycoddle our children too much. They need to be given freedom to make mistakes. My first time across the Atlantic, the boat broke up, and we had to be rescued. We learned from our mistakes and were back the next year.”

--Billionaire Richard Branson
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