

# How to Develop Compassion in School: An Emotional Component of Ethical Perception

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**Abstract.** This article discusses the training and development of compassion among students. This emotion can be awakened through the act of giving, which in modern society is expressed via community contribution. Schools today make the subject of giving to one's community - an active act of helping weaker populations - a part of their curriculum. This article refers to the method of learning about compassion - an emotional channel that comprises part of a mature moral outlook. It is important to emphasize that teaching via modeling is also suitable to the teaching of ethics. The article refers to learning from role models that contribute to their communities and saved others from the cycle of poverty and neglect. These activities can also sharpen a student's sense of justice and morality, and advance his ethical outlook. As such, the article suggests ways to train students to be compassionate through discussion of current events, relation to conflicts and situations that require the addressing of emotion, not just through cognitive explanation. All this can sharpen the ability of the individual to attain compassion.