
CHAPTER 2 TEACHER VALUES

Definition of Values

The term “value” refers to a concept or belief about something that an individual or society considers to be good, worthwhile, and worthy of being upheld and practiced. Values serve as standards for making decisions and determining one’s behavior. They may change over time in response to an individual’s experiences and environmental conditions.



Types of Values

Values can be classified into three types as follows:

1. Personal Values

Personal values are principles or beliefs that individuals personally uphold because they recognize their worth and importance. Examples include diligence, perseverance, honesty, frugality, and so forth.

2. Social Values

Social values are values that are commonly accepted and practiced by the majority of people in a particular society. Members of the society are expected to adhere to these values in order to be regarded as responsible and good members of society.

3. Organizational Values

Organizational values are principles and beliefs that members of an organization or institution collectively uphold and use as guidelines for their conduct and professional practices. When consistently practiced, these values become part of the organization's culture.

Values That Thai Society Should Uphold



8 Fundamental Values

(Ministry of Education)

1. Diligence

Being committed to and persevering in performing one's duties continuously and consistently, and remaining patient and determined when facing difficulties or obstacles.

2. Frugality

Knowing how to save and use property and material resources appropriately and economically, making the best use of available resources, and avoiding extravagance.

3. Honesty

Being truthful and sincere in one's actions, words, and thoughts, without engaging in dishonesty, fraud, or taking unfair advantage of others.

4. Discipline

Conducting oneself in accordance with the rules, regulations, and requirements of the family, school, and society.

5. Politeness

Being humble and respectful, showing proper courtesy, and demonstrating good manners appropriate to the time, place, and social context.

6. Cleanliness

Maintaining personal hygiene, keeping one's home and surroundings clean and sanitary, and cultivating a clear, positive, and wholesome state of mind.

7. Unity

Being open-minded and willing to listen to the opinions of others, as well as cooperating with and assisting one another in accomplishing tasks successfully.

8. Generosity

Being kind, considerate, and willing to share and provide sincere assistance and support to others.

5 Fundamental Values

(Office of the National Culture Commission)

1. Self-Reliance, Diligence, and Responsibility

Being able to rely on oneself, working diligently and persistently, and taking responsibility for one's duties and actions.

2. Frugality and Saving

Using resources wisely, avoiding unnecessary expenditure, and developing the habit of saving for future needs.

3. Discipline and Respect for the Law

Following rules and regulations, maintaining self-discipline, and respecting and complying with the law.

4. Adherence to Religious Morality

Practicing moral principles and ethical teachings in accordance with one's religious beliefs.

5. Love of the Nation, Religion, and the Monarchy

Demonstrating loyalty and commitment to the nation, religion, and the monarchy.

12 Core Values

(Ministry of Education)



1. Love of the Nation, Religion, and the Monarchy
2. Honesty, Sacrifice, Perseverance, and Commitment to Goodness for the Common Good
3. Gratitude and Respect toward Parents, Guardians, Teachers, and Mentors
4. Pursuit of Knowledge and Lifelong Learning
Continuously seeking knowledge through both formal and informal education.
5. Preservation of Thailand's Fine Culture and Traditions
6. Moral Conduct, Truthfulness, Goodwill toward Others, Generosity, and Sharing

7. Understanding and Practicing Democracy under a Constitutional Monarchy

8. Discipline and Respect for the Law

Showing appropriate respect for people of different ages and social roles.

9. Mindfulness, Awareness, Thoughtfulness, and Responsible Action

Understanding and putting into practice the royal guidance of His Majesty the King.

10. Living According to the Philosophy of the Sufficiency Economy

Applying the principles of the Sufficiency Economy Philosophy in accordance with the royal guidance of His Majesty the King; practicing thrift and saving for times of need; maintaining sufficient resources for consumption and living; sharing or selling any surplus; and being prepared to expand one's activities or enterprise when conditions and resources are sufficiently secure.

11. Physical and Mental Strength

Maintaining physical and mental strength, resisting immoral influences and harmful desires, and having a sense of shame and fear of wrongdoing in accordance with religious moral principles.

12. Putting the Common Good and National Interests before Personal Interests

Teacher Values



Teacher values refer to the positive ideas, principles, and patterns of conduct that society regards as desirable and that teachers should uphold as guiding principles in their minds and consistently put into practice.

Teacher values should reflect the characteristics of Thai citizens that the nation seeks to develop and should be consistent with the positive values and moral standards of Thai society (Chutima Pramualsuk, 2020, p. 181).

Values That Teachers Should Uphold

- 1. Self-reliance, diligence, and responsibility**
- 2. Frugality and saving**
- 3. Discipline and respect for the law**
- 4. Observance of the Five Precepts or the moral principles of one's own religion**
- 5. Honesty and integrity**
- 6. Justice and fairness**
- 7. Maintaining good health and personal hygiene**
- 8. Appreciation and support of Thai products, culture, and identity**
- 9. Adherence to Thai customs, traditions, and culture**
- 10. Continuous professional learning and broad general knowledge**

11. Contentment and moderation
12. Self-sacrifice, compassion, kindness, gratitude, courage, and unity
13. Pride in and commitment to the teaching profession
14. A strong sense of duty and responsibility toward society and the nation
15. Creativity, initiative, and academic freedom
16. Politeness, humility, and respectfulness
17. Commitment to professional ideals
18. Adherence to the teachings of one's faith
19. Selflessness and willingness to make sacrifices for others
20. Gratitude toward benefactors and respect for the environment
21. Compassion, kindness, generosity, and willingness to help others
22. Courage to speak up and express one's views when something is right, appropriate, and reasonable
23. Unity and cooperation
24. Commitment to democratic governance under a constitutional monarchy



Thank you!