

Other qualities to explore when choosing an editor

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- **Attendance, punctuality.** In many fields, just showing up is 90 percent of the game. If he doesn't have a reputation as a "skipper" or is not habitually late to classes, that shows reliability and respect for timelines and deadlines.
- **Respect from peers.** This speaks volumes; students are usually excellent gauges of who they will respond to in leadership positions. Whether they admit it or not, students will respond well to students they respect.
- **How does he treat his parents?** Surprisingly, this is a great predictor. If a student is respectful to and courteous around his parents, chances are very likely he will exhibit that kind of behavior with his staff members.