

## **Two dozen traits of a successful swim teacher**

1. Successful swim teachers have clear objectives
2. Successful swim teachers have a sense of purpose
3. Successful swim teachers are able to live without immediate feedback
4. Successful swim teachers know how and when to listen to students
5. Successful swim teachers have a positive attitude
6. Successful swim teachers expect their students to succeed
7. Successful swim teachers have a sense of humor
8. Successful swim teachers use praise smartly
9. Successful swim teachers are consistent
10. Successful swim teachers are reflective
11. Successful swim teachers seek out a mentor for themselves
12. Successful swim teachers communicate with parents
13. Successful swim teachers enjoy their work
14. Successful swim teachers adapt to student needs
15. Successful swim teachers welcome change
16. Successful swim teachers take time to explore new tools
17. Successful swim teachers give their students' emotional support
18. Successful swim teachers are comfortable with the unknown
19. Successful swim teachers are not threatened by parent advocacy
20. Successful swim teachers bring fun into the lesson
21. Successful swim teachers teach holistically
22. Successful swim teachers never stop learning
23. Successful swim teachers break out of the box
24. Successful swim teachers are masters of their subject

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