

## **Some of the Worst Mistakes that School Heads Make**

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**Failing to ask for help**

**Being afraid to say "I do not know"**

**Seeing sincere offers of help as threats**

**Thinking "I can do this job better than anyone else"**

**Making one-off decisions and not thinking in terms of policy**

**Sticking strictly to policy . . . when a clear exception is in everyone's best interest**

**Believing it's YOUR school!**

**Failing to recognize the contributions of others**

**Having an oversized ego**

**Using others to build yourself up**

**Ignoring the business office and other support sections of the school**

**Over-promising**

**Inappropriate uses of humor**

**Failing to judge the impact of decisions on others**

**Not being able to say, "I made a mistake on that one..."**

**Not being able to say, "I am sorry..."**

**Not being able to say, "I am responsible..." (when a subordinate make a mistake.)**

**Not being prepared**

**Not communicating effectively**

**Not learning from one's mistakes**