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STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Building Student Trust

Students are motivated to work harder, are more engaged, and less disruptive for teachers they know care and whom they can trust. Building trust not only helps with the student-teacher relationship, it also helps to improve academics. Students perform better for teachers they can trust. Build trust with ALL student; but especially those facing trauma and marginalization. Students will often meet or exceed their teacher's expectations when trust is established.

Five Ways To Build Student Trust:

- Demonstrate and model equal respect to all class members.
- Have high expectations that are clear.
- Be consistent with rules and routines.
- Show empathy.
- Celebrate wins.

Things That Make You Go Hmm

Trust takes time to build and can be broken instantly. When students trust their teachers they feel safe and connected.

Have you earned your students' trust?

Watch: [How Long Does It Take To Build Trust](#)

✦ ✦ OCTOBER AWARENESS

October is Global Diversity Awareness Month !

10/2 Yom Kippur

10/10 World Mental Health Day

10/13 Indigenous People's Day



Indigenous People's Day Song

10/15 International Pronouns Day

10/20 Diwali

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Share the good stuff. Reach out to parents to tell them their kid was kind. Or nailed a new skill. Or is generally just awesome. One day you might have to reach out about something not as sunny, and having that relationship built goes a long way.

—LETICIA Y, Educator

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