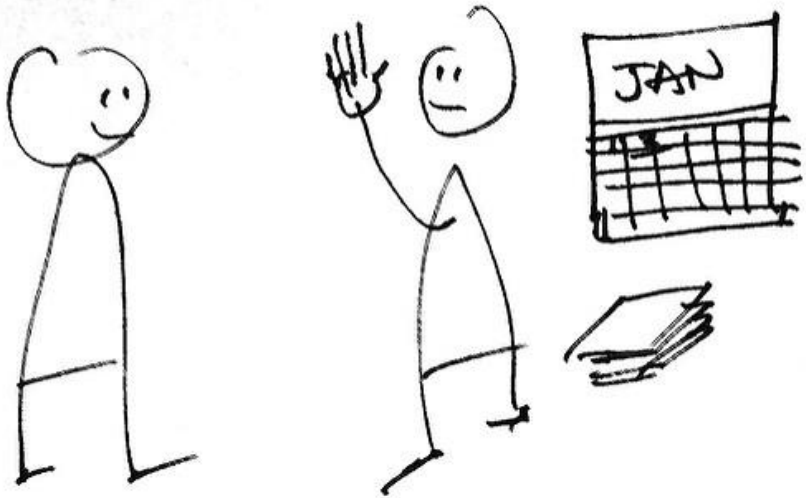


“It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.”

Frederick Douglass

Use What They Got! Building Better Relationships to Engage and Empower Students

RELATIONSHIPS MATTER



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Think about...

- What adult member of your community or school helped you the most when you were a child? (teacher, coach, neighbor, etc)
- What were their characteristics? What about them and their personality helped you grow?
 - Staff/teachers
 - Reflect and write for 2-3 minutes



What is your definition of a relationship?



I Wish My Teacher Knew

Relationships are
IMPORTANT!

They increase academic achievement.

- Students who feel connected to school are...
- Students with feelings of closeness with school staff have been shown to...





They decrease high-risk behaviors.

- Students who feel connected to schools are...

They make schools safer.

- Students who feel connected to schools are...





What makes establishing boundaries difficult?



Emotional Boundaries



Teachers need to be able to mask and control their emotions

Power Boundaries



Use authority to harm a student

Institutional Boundaries



School and district rules, policies and practices

Financial Boundaries



A teacher or counselor providing their own money to students or buying items for the students

Communication Boundaries



Talking about highly personal subject matter with the student; breaches in confidentiality; includes social media

Temporal Boundaries



Spending too much time with one student

Expertise Boundaries



Not having the training to deal with certain student situations

How do you connect
with students while
maintaining boundaries?



What is Rapport?



Use What They Already Have

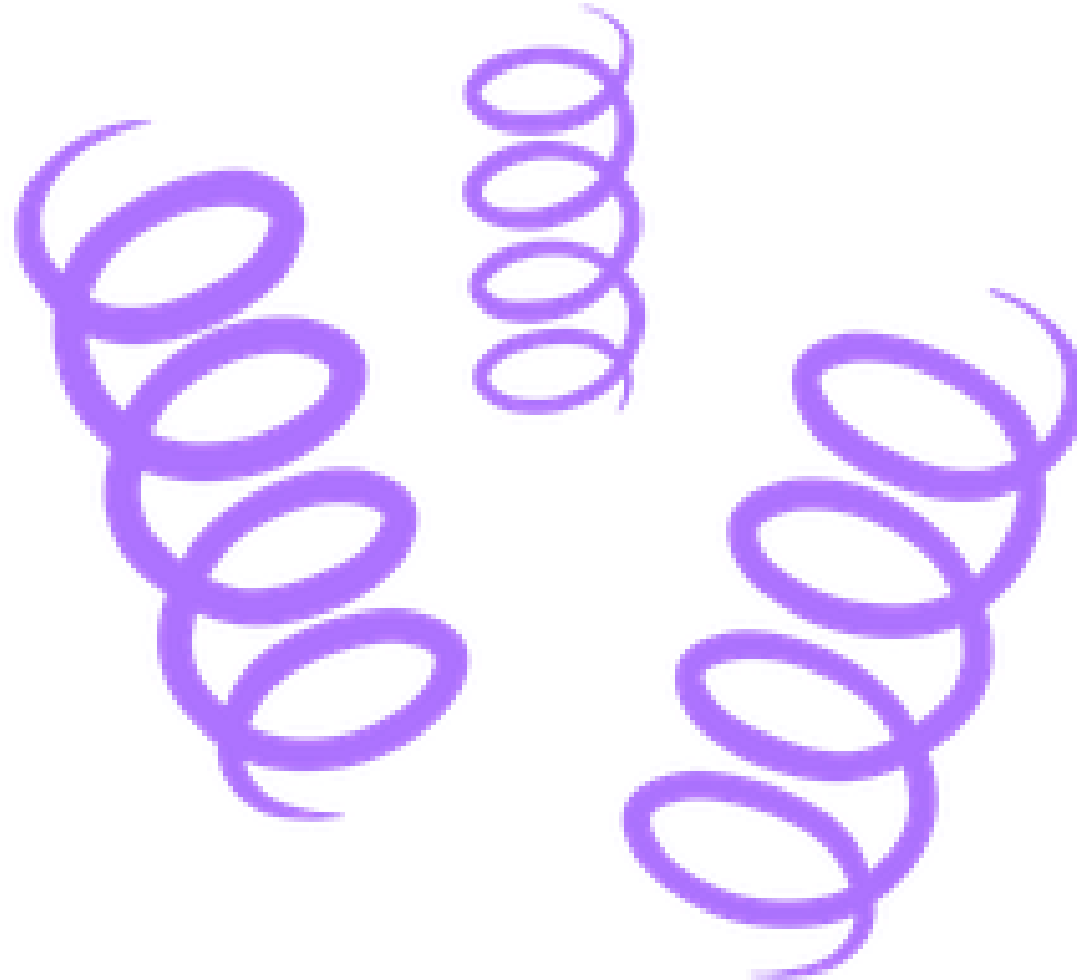


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Values and Beliefs

- *What do you want your life to stand for?*
- *What do you value most in your life?*
- *What is most important to you?*
- *What kind of life do you want to have 0 to 20 years from now?*

Resilience



“It’s difficult to develop positive mindsets in students unless we first develop positive relationships with our students.”

Building Resiliency

- Create connections
- Build Competence
- Freedom to Fail
- Perspective taking

Find the Strengths



Special Interests

- [Avery 6 years old](#)
- [Avery 10 years old](#)



- **What do you enjoy doing outside of school?**
- **What excites you most in life?**
- **What is it about your hobby that makes it fun and worthwhile?**
- **If you could do anything you wanted, what would it be?**

Ideas and Opinions:

What are some potential problematic situations your students could (do) encounter?



Ideas and Opinions

- **What do you think might help turn things around?**
- **I've heard other people's ideas, but I want to know what *you* think would help improve things at school.**
- **Since you know more about this than I ever will, I'd appreciate hearing your ideas.**
- **What is your theory about the problem/solution?**

I Wish My Teacher Knew Impact of Building Relationships



Self Reflection

What words do you hope your students use to describe you?

If any of your students become teachers themselves, would they strive to model their behavior after yours?