

STRATEGIES FOR MAKING CONNECTIONS WITH STUDENTS

Knowing your students and making a connection with each of them can increase student achievement and decrease student discipline issues. The strategies below promote a classroom that says “I welcome you, value you, and respect you.”

- 1) Learn your students’ names quickly and use them.
- 2) Give your students an “interests” questionnaire the first of school.
- 3) Let students in on who you are and “what makes you tick.”
- 4) Lead a club or activity that would interest students.
- 5) Comment on things that interest them.
- 6) Write positive notes on homework, quizzes, tests, etc.
- 7) Ask students to help you do classroom tasks.
- 8) Call home or send a card to share ‘something good.’
- 9) Show students that you are human and that you make mistakes.
- 10) Ask students to evaluate your teaching. Consider and respect their input.

Now add strategies you use that are “tried and true” or some you would like to “put into action” for this new year to reach those students who still need positive relationships with you.

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List some of the students you will target to make sure there is a positive relationship:

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