

# Teacher-Student Relationships

## Teacher Skills

Developing relationships requires teacher skills such as;

**listening**  
**empathy**  
**caring**  
**positive regard for others**

(Hattie, 2009)

Never let the demands of your job or the curriculum cause you to forget that each one of your students is a feeling - thinking human being. For education to be effective, it must be personal.

(George Isaac Brown, 2016)

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### Give Students a Voice

Create an environment where students feel safe to engage in authentic interactions.



What do you think would make this better?

### Learn Their World

Strive for an understanding and appreciation of the students' life outside the classroom.



What did you do last night?

### Classroom Culture

Establish connections and belonging within the classroom walls.



Let's work together to think of our class rules.

### Listen to Students

Listen, understand and validate students needs, questions and concerns.



I understand you are frustrated with his project. How can I help you?

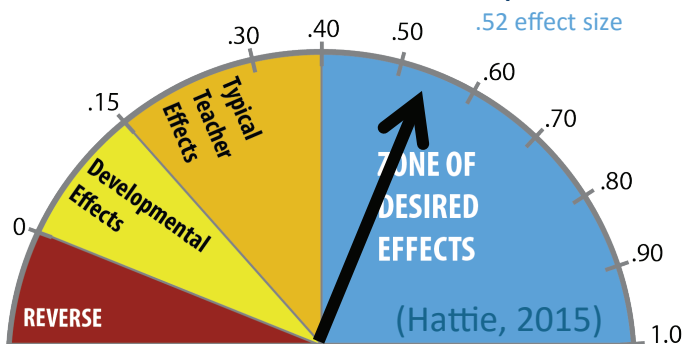
No significant learning occurs without a significant relationship.

(Comer, 1995)



## The Research

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## Effective Teacher-Student Relationships

- ↑ Increase levels of students' interests and enjoyment of the class.
- ↑ Increase levels of students' academic achievement. (Murray, 2002)
- ↓ Decrease the occurrence of classroom disruptions. (Phelan, 1992)