

Instructional Leadership & Excellence

Other Developmental Resources: Connect

General Resources: Connect with students and families to cultivate a culture of learning

Papers & Books:

ASCD: How To Create A Culture of Achievement in Your School and Classroom (book)

Mindset: The New Psychology of Success (book)

Impart a collective vision that all students can succeed

Quick Resources:

Edutopia: Teachers, What's Your Vision? By Elena Aguilar (short article)

Teach Like a Champion, Doug Lemov's Field Notes: Joaquin Hernandez: The moves that build a culture of high expectations in Seth Healey's classroom (video)

Papers & Books:

Teach Like a Champion, Field Guide 2.0 (book)

Teaching As Leadership: The Highly Effective Teacher's Guide to Closing the Achievement Gap (book)

Build positive, genuine individual relationships

Quick Resources:

TED Talks Education: Every Kid Needs A Champion by Rita Pierson (video)

This Simple Survey Could Help Close The Achievement Gap (short article)

Papers & Books:

ACSD: Seven Strategies for Building Positive Classrooms (book)

Respect diversity across all lines of identity

Quick Resources:

Mid-Atlantic Equity Center: Equity Audit Materials, Criteria for an Equitable School, Criteria for an Equitable Classroom, and Teacher Behaviors that Encourage Student Persistence (tools)

Tripod: Teacher Toolkit for Tripod's 7Cs ™ (framework)

Teaching Tolerance, A Project of the Southern Poverty Law Center: Classroom Culture (tools)

Teaching For Change Books: Guide for Selecting Anti-Bias Children's Books (short article)

GLSEN: Inclusion and Respect, Resources for Educators (framework, videos, guides, templates, lesson plans)

Understood.org, Partnership with 15 nonprofit partners including National Center for Learning Disabilities (website, tools, frameworks, short articles, etc.)

Papers & Books:

The Achievement Gap Institute at Harvard University: The Influence of Teaching, Beyond Standardized Test Scores: Engagement, Mindsets, and Agency (report)

Every Day Anti Racism, Getting Real About Race in School (book)

Equity Literacy For All (Gorski), Educational Leadership (short article)

Reading Diversity, Teaching Tolerance (tools)

Other People's Children by Lisa Delpit (book)

20 judgements a teacher makes in 1 minute and 28 seconds, The Hechinger Report (short article)

Communicate student learning information regularly

Quick Resources:

Phoning Parents: High-Leverage Moves to Transform Your Classroom & Restore Your Sanity (book excerpt)

Match Mini: Making Parent Phone Calls (short tutorial)

KQED/Mindshift: Why Students Should Take the Lead in Parent Teachers Conferences (short article)

Papers & Books:

Journal of Research on Educational Effectiveness (Kraft, M.A. & Dougherty, S.M): The Effect of Teacher-Family Communication on Student Engagement: Evidence from a Randomized Field Experiment (paper)

Reaching Out to Latino Families of English Language Learners (book)

Initiate positive, constructive, and helpful dialogue

Quick Resources:

Educational Leadership: Partnering with Families and Communities (book excerpt)

Teaching For Change: Parent Engagement (toolkit)

Papers & Books:

SEDL: Partners in Education: A Dual Capacity-Building Framework for Family-School Partnerships (report with framework)

Every Day Antiracism, Getting Real About Race in School, section on Engaging Communities for Real (book)

Motivate everyone to do their best

Quick Resources:

Match Mini: How Classroom Learning Happens (quick tutorial)

Mindshift/KQED News: What Motivates Students to Learn? (short article)

Teach Like a Champion, Doug Lemov's Field Notes: 'Struggling And Then Succeeding? Hey, That's All Of Us": Janelle Duckett's Culture of Error (video)

Papers & Books:

ASCD: The Interactive Lecture: How to Engage Students, Build Memory, and Deepen Comprehension (A Strategic Teacher PLC Guide) (book)

ASCD: Real Engagement: How Do I Help My Students Become Motivated, Confident, and Self-Directed (book)

ASCD: The Motivated Student: Unlocking the Enthusiasm for Learning (book)

Drive: The Surprising Truth About What Motivates Us by Daniel Pink (book)

Foster trust and joy: be trustworthy and joyful

Quick Resources:

Match Mini: A Leader They Can Trust (short tutorial)

Teach Like a Champion, Doug Lemov's Field Notes: Trust (blog posts)

Teach Like a Champion, Doug Lemov's Field Notes: Joy Factor (video)

Papers & Books:

The Joyful Classroom: Practical ways to engage & challenge students K-6 (book)

Celebrate achievements!

Quick Resources:

The Teacher Toolkit: Affirmations (video & tools)

Teach Like a Champion Grab-n-Go Resource: Six Ideas For Props (tool)

Edutopia: The Triumph of Small Victories (short article with teacher voices)

Papers & Books:

The Essential 55 Workbook, Everything You Need to Help Your Child Succeed in School, includes activities to celebrate achievements and fire up enthusiasm in school (book)