

# Positive Expectations

“The effective teacher has positive expectations for student success”

(Wong, 2009, p. 35)



# Why Are Positive Expectations So Important?

- Expectations influence your students' success. If you have high, or positive, expectations your students are more likely to succeed in your class.
- If teachers have positive expectations and strive to make them happen, chances are they will happen in the desired way. In other words teachers are more likely to get the results they expect.
- Positive expectations also help students reach high standards.
- What you expect from a student they will give back to you. If you have positive expectations, then you will get positive results.



“MY TEACHER THOUGH I WAS SMARTER  
THAN I WAS-SO I WAS.”

-SIX-YEAR-OLD

# How Do You Help All Your Students Succeed?

- Get the whole community involved in celebrating the first day of school. Help your students be excited about getting an education.
- Have the entire school staff be involved in welcoming the students to class on the first day. Have greeters at the doors, a welcoming assembly where the staff is introduced, and tours of the school for the freshman and students new to the school.
- Make school a fun and inviting place to learn in rather than something to be endured.

(Wong, 2009)



“SCHOOLS SHOULD BE BUILT BETTER AND  
KEPT UP BETTER THAN BANKS BECAUSE  
THERE’S MORE WEALTH IN THEM.”

-MARTIN HABERMAN

# Dress For Success

- Students will treat you as you are dressed. So dress the part of a professional teacher.
- How you dress is how you are perceived, so dress for respect, credibility, acceptance, and authority.
- Your clothing shows your students what you expect.

(Wong, 2009)



“AS YOU ARE DRESSED SO SHALL YOU  
BE PERCEIVED; AND AS YOU ARE  
PERCEIVED, SO SHALL YOU BE  
TREATED.”

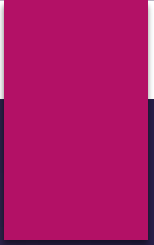
(WONG, 2009, P. 50)



# How Do You Invite Students to Learn?

- Build relationships with parents. Send personal invitations to every parent inviting them to Back-to-School Night.
- Make sure your classroom is inviting.
- Give genuine compliments to your students and make them feel significant.

(Wong, 2009)



“NO ONE HAS YET FULLY REALIZED THE WEALTH  
OF SYMPATHY, KINDNESS, AND GENEROSITY  
HIDDEN IN THE SOUL OF A CHILD. THE EFFORT OF  
EVERY TRUE EDUCATOR SHOULD BE TO  
UNLOCK THAT TREASURE.”

-EMMA GOLDMAN

# How Do You Increase Positive Student Behavior?

- Address each student by name and pronounce their names correctly.
- Say please and thank you to your students often.
- Smile and be happy. Students will want to do what they can to please you.
- Love your students. Show them by your actions.



“LOVE IS LIFE... AND IF YOU  
MISS LOVE, YOU MISS LIFE.”

-LEO BUSCAGLIA

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