RELATIONSHIPS

Relationships are one of the strongest predictors of student success.

What traits do students prefer in educators?

- **Warmth** - Being warm, welcoming and interested.
- **Openness** - Willingness to listen to students.
- **Avoidance of Conflict** - Holding expectations without creating conflict.

How do healthy educator-student relationships help students?

- Increases student engagement
- Increases students social and academic outcomes
- Improves resiliency
- Improves attendance
- Increases cooperation and decreases behavior problems

All good relationships are genuine.

Listen

No explanation needed. Just listen.
Ways you (knowingly or not) communicate your expectations:

- Does what you say to them indicate you expect them to be successful or unsuccessful?
- How long do you wait for an answer when they are thinking?
- Do you give enough direct feedback to the student?
- Do you give them the same number of prompts and cues?
- How much you allow the student to be dependent on you?
- How quickly do you give up when helping them?

Get to Know Your Students

- Learn about your students; what they like, what they do for fun, what music they listen to, what their concerns are.
- Use their names
- Get to know the quiet ones

Hold high but attainable expectations
For each and every student.

4 Ways to Share Responsibility

- Ask for input
- Co-create rules and agreements
- Involve students in helping come up with solutions
- Revisit agreements

BE FLEXIBLE
One approach doesn’t work for all students. A good educator can be a great match for many different students.