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Creating a Positive Classroom Culture

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Four Truths of Classroom Culture

1. Hard work leads to student success.
2. Students work harder for teachers they like.
3. Students like teachers who seem to care about them.
4. When teachers take time to teach about life, students believe that the teacher cares.



We must **actively** set out to create a positive classroom environment. It doesn't happen **accidentally**.

We must **actively** set out to provide students with the tools they need to succeed. They do not gain them **accidentally**.

We must **actively** set out to motivate and inspire students and to teach them about life. They are not inspired **accidentally**.

Are you active or accidental?



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“If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal”

I Corinthians 13:1 (NIV)



Three Things Teachers Must Believe

1. The Subject Matter Is Important!
2. The Students Can Learn the Subject Matter!
3. The Teacher Can Make a Difference!



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The Big Picture



Someone once asked Socrates what the best way was to get to Mt. Olympus. Socrates replied, "By making sure that every step you take is in that direction."

Does your classroom have a Big Picture?

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Three Things Students Must Believe



1. I Can Learn the Subject Matter!
2. The System is There for Me!
3. Life Is or Can Be Good!



Students need:

C: Competency

B: Belongingness

U: Usefulness

P: Potency

O: Optimism

Richard Sagor
At-Risk Students
Reaching and Teaching Them

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Personal Connections



Wayside Teaching

The more influential aspect of ... education is often what might be called wayside teaching. By wayside teaching I mean the teaching that is done between classes, when walking in the halls, after school, and in dozens and dozens of one-on-one encounters, however brief.

-John Lounsbury

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Instruction that Inspires

1. High School Accomplishments
2. Words of Truth: Humility, Contrition, Service
3. Content-related people of character
4. Choices of Literature
5. Theme of the Year Paper



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Songs, Stories, Quotes, and Clips

Don't wait for the teachable moment – create it! Inspire your students and open their eyes with:

1. Songs that mean something and teach a lesson
2. Stories to guide students and provide an example for them
3. Quotes that teach students how to live
4. Movie clips that inspire

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success is peace of mind which is a direct result of self-satisfaction in knowing
you did your best to become the best that you are capable of becoming
John R. Wooden, Head Basketball Coach, Emeritus, UCLA



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