

# Building Student Relationships at Saint Paul American School, Beijing March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021



Saint Paul American School System

# Padlet

- We will use Padlet to respond to discussion questions and as a future resource. I will paste the below link in the chat. If you see a red slide, that will signal you to go to Padlet!

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For comments that you make, please jot down your name at the end of it.

# Today's Plan

- What?
  - What do we mean by building positive student-teacher relationships?
- Why?
  - Why is this important?
- How?
  - How can I build positive relationships with my students?

# Today's Goals

- Understand why it is important as teachers to build positive relationships.
- Understand different strategies that can help a teacher build positive relationships with students.
- Have a plan to implement one strategy by the end of next week.

# What? Question #1

- Please visit the Padlet link and answer the first question under the What column?
- What relationships at a school can affect student learning?

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There are a lot of relationships at a school that affect student learning, but we may not have any control or influence on those relationships. However, you have control over building a positive relationship with each individual student in your class.



## What? Question #2

- Please visit the Padlet link and answer the second question under the What column?
- What does a positive teacher-student relationship look like?
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# What does a positive teacher-student relationship look like?

- Open, honest, approachable
- Emotionally-safe learning space
- Mutual respect and trust
- Clear boundaries
- Equity
- Understanding students' interests
- Interesting, engaging activities in the class

Think about the time in high school and your favorite teacher. Why were they your favorite teacher? Did it have any of the above characteristics?



# Why is it worth building positive relationships with your students?

“A Review of Educational Research analysis of 46 studies found that strong teacher-student relationships were associated in both the short- and long-term with improvements on practically every measure schools care about: higher student academic engagement, attendance, grades, fewer disruptive behaviors and suspensions, and lower school dropout rates. Those effects were strong even after controlling for differences in students’ individual, family, and school backgrounds.”

<https://www.edweek.org/teaching-learning/why-teacher-student-relationships-matter/2019/03>

# Why? Question #1

- Later, please visit the Padlet link for researched articles about the benefit of building positive relationships with students.
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# How do we build better relationships? (Universal)

- Showing respect
  - Active listening
  - Being fair
  - Being equitable
- Making frequent contact
- Taking interest
- Demonstrating encouragement
- Avoiding “put downs”
- Celebrating accomplishments
- Communicating on a one-to-one basis
- Showing enthusiasm

# How? Question #1

- What are you currently doing to build positive teacher-student relationships?
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# How do we build better relationships? (Right Now)

- Universal Skills
- Positive Greetings
- Displaying Student Work
- Positive Humor
- Share appropriate, topical personal narratives

# How do we build better relationships? (Over time)

- Universal Skills
- High, quality feedback on student work
- Learn names quickly and correctly
- Go to a basketball game
- 2 x 10 (Two minute conversation 10 consecutive days)
- Cogenerative Dialogues

## How? Question #2

- From what we discussed, what strategy or skill do you plan to use to build positive teacher-student relationships?
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# Questions? And Sources

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Why Teacher-Student Relationships Matter –

<https://www.edweek.org/teaching-learning/why-teacher-student-relationships-matter/2019/03>

Building Relationships With Students Is the Most Important Thing a Teacher Can Do–

<https://www.edweek.org/teaching-learning/opinion-response-building-relationships-with-students-is-the-most-important-thing-a-teacher-can-do/2018/10>