



New Perspective...New Growth

14 BEHAVIORS DEMONSTRATING MUTUAL RESPECT

TESA (Teacher Expectations and Student Achievement Organization) conducted research and found 14 behaviors that teachers use with students when there is mutual respect being shown. The study found that when these behaviors are used with all students, learning jumps dramatically.

1. Calls on everyone in the room equitably.
2. Provides individual help and attention.
3. Gives “wait time”...allows all students enough time to answer.
(The average wait time in classrooms is **less than 1.5 seconds.**)
4. Asks questions to give the student clues about the answer.
5. Asks questions that require more thought...higher level thinking.
6. Tells students whether their answers are right or wrong...acknowledges the effort.
7. Gives **specific** praise for actions.
8. Gives **reasons** for praise.
9. Listens...focuses, gives eye contact, appropriate responses, and validates what is being said.
10. Accepts the feelings of every student...demonstrates empathy.
11. Gets within an arm's reach of each student each day.
11. Is courteous to students **at all times.**
12. Shows personal interest and gives compliments.
13. Touches students...appropriately.
14. Desists...does not call attention to every misbehavior.

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