



A Disposition to Learn

John Hattie uses an interesting term in his Visible Learning work. He says a student's "disposition to learn" has a 0.61 effect size. What does this mean? A disposition is a "quality of mind." It is an attitude, a motivation. In other words, if we can get our students in the frame of mind to *crave* learning, we will see our students achieve.

Creating a Disposition to Learn

Most teachers begin a lesson with a guiding question, an anticipatory set, or some other sort of attention-grabber. This is one way we can build excitement in our students. Other ways to motivate students include creating a classroom environment where learning is celebrated every day by being a teacher who is a role model for learning, rewarding students who meet learning goals, and having a classroom that is a shared learning community. Cooperative learning with Kagan structures will help you get your students involved in shared learning experiences while maintaining necessary individual accountability. Parents can help foster a disposition to learn in their children as well. Get them involved at parent nights, Open House, in projects, etc. Finally, find out what your students enjoy and allow them to choose assignments that meet targets while still giving them the chance to incorporate what they love.

Growth Mindset Equals a Positive Learning Disposition

Students who have a growth mindset are more likely to continue to work toward a goal, even when they struggle. When they believe they can learn, students know that effort makes them stronger. This is why it is so critical that teachers learn to use the language of growth mindset with our students and it is vital that we transform our classrooms into growth mindset environments.



Spotlight on Excellence



Inspired by the book "Only One You", Heritage Elementary students painted rocks representing each child's unique personality. The message...There's only one YOU in this great big world. Make it a better place!

Fall Events

- ♦ September 25, 60 Day Plans Due
- ♦ September 25, West High ELA visits West Middle and OHES
- ♦ September 26, LMS Academy, Central Office 3:30 p.m.
- ♦ September 27, EILA, Star 8:30 a.m.
- ♦ September 28, East Middle ELA Visits East High and PES
- ♦ September 29, East High ELA visits East Middle and PES
- ♦ September 30, Code.org Training, Louisville, KY

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