

Ways to Communicate High Expectations to Students

Read through the following list of ideas. You are probably already doing many of these things and others may seem unrealistic for your class. Choose one that is a *new* strategy you can *realistically* implement.

- ✎ Give a Student Survey to one class and use the results to set a goal for yourself.
- ✎ Consistently refer to students as doctors, scholars, scientists, gifted, or another title that shows you see their intelligence.
- ✎ Choose one struggling student and identify resources in and/or outside your classroom to help him or her meet your standards.
- ✎ Eliminate “Ds” and “Fs” from your grading scale and instead make students complete all assignments to standard.
- ✎ Identify one struggling student and find out about his or her interests and strengths in order to build on these in class.
- ✎ Monitor what type of thinking is involved in the questions you ask of students and if this is consistent for all students.
- ✎ Provide more time for students to critically think about complex questions and discuss these with their peers. Model what this looks like.
- ✎ Create a Welcome Packet for students new to your class that helps them immediately feel part of the community. This can be done with current students and having them write the “unwritten rules” is always interesting.
- ✎ Provide extra activities based on an analysis of skills students need to be brought to standard.

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Write a few steps for implementing:

When will you start?

Will you involve/inform students? How?

How will you monitor progress?