

Design Question: What will I do to establish and maintain effective relationships with students?

36. What do I typically do to understand students' interests and backgrounds?	
The teacher uses students' interests and backgrounds to produce a climate of acceptance and community.	
<p>Teacher Evidence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher has side discussions with students about events in their lives. <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher has discussions with students about topics they are interested in. <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher builds student interests into lessons. 	<p>Student Evidence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> When asked, students describe the teacher as someone who knows them and is interested in them. <input type="checkbox"/> Students respond when the teacher demonstrates understanding of their interests and background. <input type="checkbox"/> When asked, students say they feel accepted.

How Am I Doing?

	4 Innovating	3 Applying	2 Developing	1 Beginning	0 Not Using
Understanding students' interests and backgrounds	I adapt and create new strategies for unique student needs and situations.	I use students' interests and backgrounds during interactions with students, and I monitor the sense of community in the classroom.	I use students' interests and backgrounds during interactions with students, but I do so in a somewhat mechanistic way.	I use the strategy incorrectly or with parts missing.	I should use the strategy, but I don't.