



Relationship-Building Quick Tips

Recommended Usage:

Below are a list of teacher actions that are essential for quality relationships but are often overlooked in the virtual classroom. Review the daily routines, and check the box next to the ones that are less common or absent from your own practice. Refer to your completed checklist as a reminder of next steps.

Daily Routines for a Virtual Class

- Greet each student by name (correctly) every day.
- Deploy the “gallery view” option in your virtual classroom so that you can see all students at once.
- Incorporate as much interactivity into classes as possible using free tools such as [EdPuzzle](#) or [PollEverywhere](#) so that all students can participate.
- Recreate in-person discussions with a free platform like [FlipGrid](#).
- Show students your world as much as possible by sharing stories, showing your pets or something in your home you treasure, etc.; encourage students to do the same with show and tells.
- Solicit feedback from students using exit tickets, student focus groups, surveys, journaling, or video reflection. Ask about level of difficulty of the class, students’ comfort approaching teacher with questions, and parts of the class students like or dislike.
- Use the 2 x 10 rule: Spend 2 minutes each day for 10 consecutive days conversing with an at-risk student about anything she or he wants to talk about.
- Schedule regular individual check-ins with each student to provide one on one time and discuss highs and lows or updates on life outside of the classroom.