

Working with urgency doesn't mean racing through academics, having lessons scripted to the second, never allowing a student's question to temporarily drift a conversation, or not taking the time to get to know things about students' lives.

What it does mean is that our time with our students is limited, the learning we're promoting is important, and educators work to respect students' learning needs. There should be a tone in the room that supports the engineering teachers have done to get students what they need. Wasting time is a waste, and the ramifications of doing so have the potential to last for years.

Teaching with urgency means that there are high expectations for the class and that a teacher fully believes that all of the students can rise up to them; the hard work just needs to get going.

