

#EducatorVoices: Building Blocks of Student Success – Dylan Olivros

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Hello, everyone. I'm Mr. Olivros, coming from Gonzales High School. I teach ethnic studies for freshmen, and I teach US history for juniors. How do you set up your students for success? I automatically think about the learning environment that I establish within the classroom. I think first things first is just setting the grounds and showing the students that I'm there to respect them, and I expect the same in return, and then taking steps forward from there. Without establishing the atmosphere, I think that you never truly grasp a hold of all your students, and you don't really get to connect with them on a deeper level. And why that matters with student success is because you got to build an environment where students are willing to make mistakes, they're willing to just keep learning, and pick themselves up, and understand that even if they did do something wrong or they didn't get to the right answer, that their effort was way more meaningful than just maybe being reserved, or not really sharing out, or anything like that. And when you get students more involved and more engaged, slowly but surely, they start to realize their potential. They start to polish different skills that they've utilized throughout the school year and make those strengths of theirs. And once those become strengths, they continue to build on each other, and really, it's just like building blocks. But a lot of my students' success, I have to attribute it to just the classroom environment and really taking the time, and I know it's hard sometimes, but taking the time to set that up, and making everyone comfortable, and making everyone feel like they're safe to learn is really my key to student success in the classroom.