Effects of Teacher Expectations on Students

"Nothing influences behavior so strongly as the clear expectation of a significant other."
Jim Steffen

Pygmalion

"...the difference between a lady and a flower girl is not how she behaves, but how’s she treated."
George Bernard Shaw

Pygmalion In The Classroom

Students’ intellectual development and academic success are the function of what teachers expect and how those expectations are communicated to students.
Teacher Expectations
Student Achievement

Response Opportunities
- Equitable distribution of response opportunities
- Individual helping
- Wait time
- Delving and probing
- Higher order questioning

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Feedback
- Affirm or correct student performance
- Praise learning performance
- Reasons for praise
- Listening
- Accepting feelings

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Personal Regard
- Proximity
- Courtesy
- Personal interest
- Touching
- Desisting
**Stereotype Threat**

“The threat of being viewed through the lens of a negative stereotype or the fear of doing something that would inadvertently confirm the stereotype.”

Claude Steele

**Expectations: Effort-based Intelligence**

Effort versus ability

**American Students**

Believe that success is based on:

- Effort
- Hard work
Feedback

Every time teachers give feedback it affects students’

- Opinion of self
- Motivation to learn
- Academic achievement

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