



Purpose & Relevance

The belief that one's schoolwork is valuable because it is connected to a larger purpose and/or relevant to one's life.

Purpose & Relevance supportive educators foster the development of these **behaviors** in students:



1. Connecting their learning to a bigger purpose and to their current and future lives
2. Making specific connections to what they are currently learning in school
3. Actively engaging in the process of making these connections

Purpose & Relevance supportive educators foster the development of this **belief** in students:



Schoolwork is valuable because it is connected to a larger purpose and/or relevant to their lives.

Rather than...

Schoolwork is valuable only for extrinsic reasons, like earning a grade or meeting a requirement.

Purpose & Relevance supportive educators **consider these questions** as they make decisions:



1. How will students connect their learning to a bigger purpose?
2. How will students connect their learning to their current and future lives?
3. How will students connect what they care about to what they are currently learning about?
4. How will students actively engage in the process of making these connections?

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