

Glasser's Five Basic Student Needs

New Management strategies are designed to meet the five basic student needs Bill Glasser identified in his book, *The Quality School Teacher*. By meeting these needs in a fair, firm, and consistent way, you'll be creating an environment that promotes the number one ingredient for effective education: a high-quality teacher/student relationship. (Peart & Campbell, 1999)

Core Principles

(From the book, Eight Great Ideas: Simple Ways to Transform Your Teaching)

I've been sharing teaching strategies for over twenty years at schools and districts around the country. It wasn't until recently, though, that I came up with what I call Core Principles of effective teaching. So far I've identified six of them. And the more I've shared these six principles with teachers, the more convinced I've become that they are vital to our overall success and effectiveness.

1. **You have safe relationships with your students.**
Strive to maintain a "slow to speak, slow to anger" style of interaction.
2. **Your words equal your actions.**
Students may doubt what you say but will always believe what you do.[†]
3. **You are fair, firm, and consistent.**
Develop strategies and procedures that manifest these three traits.
4. **You can focus your attention.**
Don't speak to everyone about the actions of a few.
5. **Your classroom is manageable for you and your students.**
Break things down into simple, easy-to-accomplish steps.
6. **Your students are problem solvers.**
The ability to solve problems is a life-long gift you can give to your students.

"Everything should be as simple as possible."

—ALBERT EINSTEIN

[†] A must-read: *Setting Limits in the Classroom* by Robert MacKenzie. (Check out half.ebay.com for a great price.)