APPRECIATIVE EDUCATION TOOLS FOR SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS

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So, how do we keep the focus on our students?

• Our Goals for today....



- **REMIND** you of what you already know.
- STIMULATE what you may have forgotten.
- CHALLENGE you to think and act in new ways to connect with your students and each other.



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1. Greeting as a long lost friend

Greeting as a staff member to your presidents son or daughter



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Appreciative Advising Definition

"Appreciative Advising is the intentional collaborative practice of asking positive, open-ended questions that help students optimize their educational experiences and achieve their dreams, goals, and potentials."

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Intrusive

"With intrusive advising, the INSTITUTION takes the initiative in working with students and not waiting for them to come forward when they experience difficulties." (Glennen, 1975)

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Disarm Phase

Disarm

Recognizing the importance of first impressions, create a safe, welcoming environment for students

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Which grade would you want to talk about? Disarm English -Α History -Α Biology -B Phys Ed -B+ Math -F

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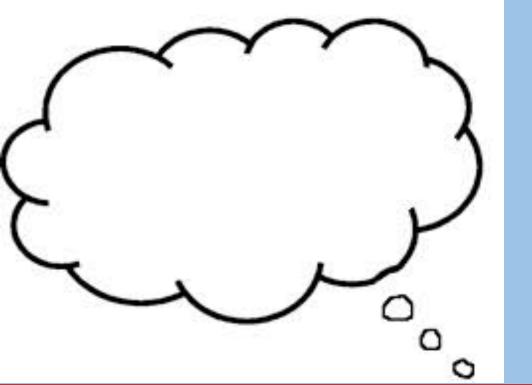
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Disarm



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Discover Phase

Utilize positive open-ended questions to draw out what they enjoy doing, their strengths, and their passions. Listen to each answer carefully before asking the next positive question.

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Discover

Important Behaviors

Ask positive open questions that help us learn our students' stories.

Taking mental notes of the student's:

- Strengths
- Skills
- Passions
- Accomplishments

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Important Discover Behaviors

- Staff member self-discloses personal stories as appropriate
- Is comfortable with silence
- Treats student as if he/she is full of potential
- Is non-judgmental
- Is mindful of diversity/multi-cultural issues
- Is authentic

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Discover Questions for Students

Discover

Describe three life events that have made you into the person you are today.

What is something you've accomplished that you are proud of?

Who are the most important role models in your life? Why? What qualities in them do you hope to emulate?

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Discover



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Dream Phase

Help students formulate a vision of what they might become, and then assist them in developing their life and career goals

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Take the Chains off the Dreams!





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Important Behaviors

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- Listen purposefully
- Make connections between information from the Discover phase and dreams being shared during this phase. Is there congruency between the two phases?
- Encourage students to be open to the possibilities and remind them that there is more than one right answer

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Dream Questions for Students

Magazine/Journal question

If you had money given to you, how would you use it to achieve your dreams?

How can we help you achieve your dreams?

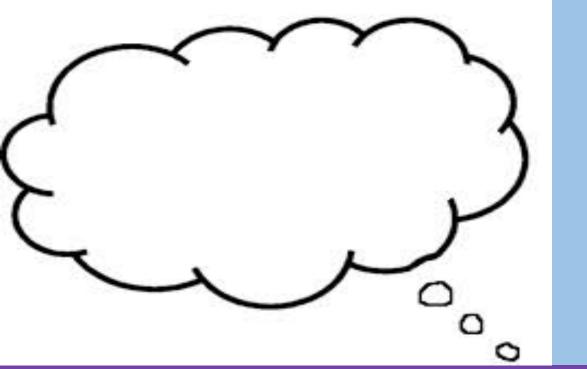
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Design Phase

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Help students devise concrete, incremental, and achievable goals

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Design Phase Developing an Action Plan

•Work together to set goals and specific sub-goals

- •Establish a realistic timeline for accomplishment of goals
- •Clarify who is responsible for what by what date

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Design Questions for Students

Design

What can you do in the next week to move one step closer to at least one of your goals?

Let's brainstorm on the resources you will need to accomplish these goals and objectives.

How will you celebrate the accomplishments of these goals?

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Your Invisible Gorilla



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Deliver Phase

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The students follow through on their plans. Be there for them when they stumble, believing in them every step of the way and helping them continue to update and refine their dreams as they go.

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Deliver

Review what you have accomplished in this session

- Review the student's responsibilities and your responsibilities and the deadlines you have coestablished
- ✓ Encourage the student to contact you with any problems or concerns
- ✓ Reiterate your confidence that the student can indeed accomplish the goals set forth

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Deliver Phase Questions for Students

Deliver

How and when will you keep me updated on your progress?

What will you do if you run into roadblocks?

What will you do if you think your goals may be changing?

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Deliver



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Don't Settle Phase

Don't Settle

Challenge the student to proactively raise the student's internal bar of self- expectations

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Don't Settle Questions

Don't Settle

- You have done great so far, but what is one thing that you could do even better?
- If you were going to raise your own internal bar of expectations, what would that mean?
- What would happen if I challenged you to become the best you that you could possible become? What would you need to do differently?

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The Appreciative Transformation





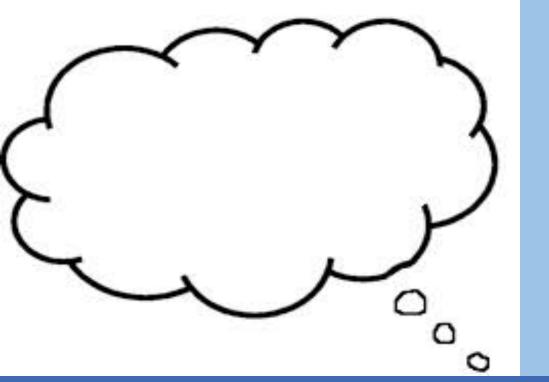


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Don't Settle



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Some are Petrified of Change





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And it may not turn out the way you thought.





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