

The Fundamental 5

How to Make Learning Personal for Every Student

Sometimes it's the simple, everyday worries that cause stress for students. So how can educators alleviate some of that stress while creating amazing learning experiences for all students? When it comes to addressing common student concerns, we narrowed them down to five questions, which we call the Fundamental Five. Use this framework as a foundation for improving communication and establishing consistency in teaching and learning.



Students will ask:

Teachers should seek to:

1 What am I supposed to do?

Centralize Learning Resources

It sounds so simple. But the answer is different for every assignment. In every class. Every day. That adds up to a lot of things to do. Sending or posting a detailed schedule of each day's activities, assignments, and readings with clear directions and submission requirements will help keep students on track and families informed.

2 When is it due?

Set Clear Expectations

Knowing *when* something is due is just as important as knowing *what* is due. If you are going to apply due dates to assignments, it's important to make sure there is clarity around when work should be completed and how it should be turned in.

3 How did I do?

Provide Personal Feedback

When you provide students feedback on assignments, graded or not, you are communicating to them that the learning process will continue and that you acknowledge their effort. Grades are inevitable. Make feedback personal and frame it as a learning opportunity.

4 Can you help me?

Establish Consistent Communication Methods

Communication processes will vary greatly from school to school and even classroom to classroom, but having clear methods for connecting with your students and their families is key.

5 What more can I do?

Present Learning Alternatives

Create additional and alternative opportunities for students to demonstrate understanding and that they are meeting expectations. Show that it doesn't always have to be done exactly one way.



Promote Success for Every Learner

When you commit to answering the Fundamental Five every day, you are taking the first step in creating learning experiences that provide students with what they need to be successful. **Connect with us** to learn how your answers—coupled with Canvas LMS—have the power to make learning personal and support every student's success.

