

Building Relationships With Teachers

For teacher leaders, the only guaranteed way to become influential is to systematically build trusting relationships with colleagues. Use the following checklist of simple strategies to track your efforts to improve the interpersonal connections with teachers on your team, in your department, or at your grade level.

Teacher With Whom You Are Trying to Build a Relationship	Trust-Building Strategy to Try	Outcome of Effort
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Stop by for an informal conversation before or after school with colleague. <input type="checkbox"/> Freely share resources related to current unit of study with colleague. <input type="checkbox"/> Celebrate the work of colleague publicly beyond team. <input type="checkbox"/> Share the workload for an upcoming activity with colleague. <input type="checkbox"/> Own up to a mistake that caused conflict with colleague. <input type="checkbox"/> Assume positive intentions when involved in a disagreement with colleague. <input type="checkbox"/> Coplan and teach an upcoming lesson with colleague. <input type="checkbox"/> Write a handwritten note of thanks or praise to colleague. <input type="checkbox"/> Ask for guidance from colleague. <input type="checkbox"/> Find a way to laugh with colleague. <input type="checkbox"/> Other: 	