

Chapter 17 Reflection Questions

Now that you have completed the chapter, consider and reflect on the following questions.

1. Why is it important to recognize generational differences among a school's teachers? How do a generation's shared life experiences shape their outcome on teaching and learning?
2. Which of the five generations listed are you a part of? Think about the three teachers you work most closely with—which generations are they a part of? How have you benefitted from their knowledge and background?
3. Think about the entire teaching staff at your school. Which generations does it represent? (Perhaps all of them!) How has this shaped the culture of your school? What positive effects of having multiple generations are evident in your school? What negative effects are present?
4. In what ways could your school set up cross-generational mentoring so that everyone could learn new skills while fostering respect for each other and feeling empowered?