

Closing the *Attitude Gap*

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Your “*Game Film*” Matters!

- Self-reflection
- Self-assessment
- Self-adjustment



What is the *Attitude Gap*?

The gap between those students who have the **“WILL to achieve excellence”** and those who do not.

In what ways does your practice tap into your students’ **“WILL to achieve excellence?”**

Tapping Into Your Students’ “*Will to Achieve*” (*Evidence Matters!*)

What is the **evidence**:

- that my students’ *attitudes* matter?
- that **my** *attitude* matters?
- that my classroom *climate* matters?
- that my classroom *culture* matters?



Is my classroom's climate and culture consistent with what I conceptualized it to be prior to the first day of school?
(Classroom Climate and Culture)

Is my classroom a *BAM* classroom?
What is my classroom's way of life?
What is it about my classroom that my students can't wait to come back every morning?
Do I teach "*Math*" or do I teach "*Mathew*?"
Is my classroom's brand identity conducive to learning at the highest levels?

How do I close the *Attitude Gap* in my classroom?

A Framework for Closing the *Attitude Gap*

Environment for Learning

Attitude toward Students

Relationship with Students

Compassion for Students

Relevance in Instruction

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