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TEACHER TIPS

Reclaim Your Game Before Teaching Gets Tougher

From Dr. Allen Mendler

Dealing with difficult students remains the number one source of constant tension for most teachers. Continual exposure to students who won't behave or produce can quickly erode both confidence and well-being. The guidance offered by these six "pillars" can help you stay at the top of your game.

Pillar #1 - Relationships: Find ways to become a champion for your most troubled students.

Pillar #2 - Relevance: Help students see how class content intermingles with their real lives.

Pillar #3 - Responsibility: Involve students in making decisions about as many things as you can, with choices they can handle, celebrations when these work out well, and accountability when they don't.

Pillar #5 - Safety: Set procedures for routine tasks and reinforce students who follow them. Never embarrass students or interrupt learning when addressing poor behavior.

Pillar #6 - Fun: Enthusiasm is contagious, so be animated when you teach and have fun with your students and curriculum.

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Students Are Gaming, You're Assessing

From Heather Ziegler & Heather Breedlove, Flagstaff, AZ

Students love to play games. [Quizizz](#), a classroom quiz game, is the perfect way to engage students, to see what they know, review a lesson, or give a formative assessment. Download the free PDF in the [NEA edCommunities Works4Me group](#) to learn how to use this highly engaging resource to obtain real-time authentic student data through gaming.

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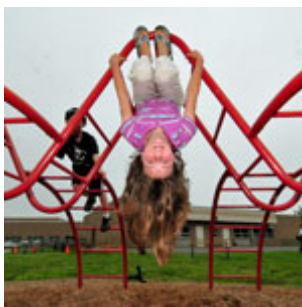


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As much as teachers need to relax, refresh, and recharge over the summer, we know that many also have plans to participate in professional development to meet their students' evolving needs. What are your plans to inspire your professional growth this summer?

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Promoting Physical Fitness

Summer is the ideal season to enjoy the outdoors and reinvigorate your fitness goals. Use these cross-curricular lessons to emphasize the health benefits of getting active and staying fit. Visit [NEA's Lesson Plan Site](#) to discover multiple lesson plans to use in your K-12 classroom.

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Create a Bully-Free Nation: Identify, Intervene, Advocate

[NEA's Toolkit](#) to combat bullying demonstrates how to identify bullying, respond quickly and consistently when it occurs, and be an advocate for bullied students. Take the Pledge to identify yourself as a caring adult who will work to end bullying.

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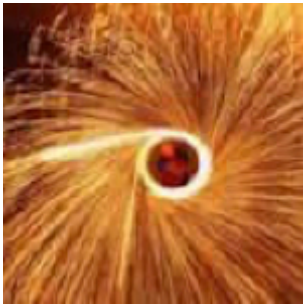
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How to Talk to Students About the Mass Shooting in Orlando

By Cindy Long

In the wake of the largest mass shooting in U.S. history, school kids of all ages will hear snippets of the news and be confused and even afraid. It's important that trusted adults like parents and educators address their concerns rather than trying to shelter them. Learn how to support students and your own children as they try to make sense of this horrific tragedy. Visit [NEA's School Safety information site](#) for more.

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