

# **Professional Development Resource**

*(Available through the MUSD Teacher Development Center)*

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Topic: This resource outlines dozens of positive strategies for bridging the gap between teacher and student through personal, academic, and social connections. Easily tailored to any learning environment, the activities and guidelines provide you with the tools needed in the classroom for both teachers and administrators.

Type of Material: Paper back book

Title: CONNECTING WITH STUDENTS

Author: Allen N. Mendler

Publisher: ASCD

Date of Publication: 2001

Contents:

The book is organized so reader can first explore the attitude, beliefs and understandings that can effectively guide them to practical strategies to help connect with the students.

After reading the strategies, determine the best one to address the situation or create a new one that meets the comfort level and competence of the teacher.

Contents:

- Why this Book?
- How to Use This Book
- Identifying Disconnected Students
- Necessary Attitudes and Feelings
- Strategies for Developing Personal Connections
- Strategies for Developing Academic Connection
- Strategies for Developing Social Connection
- For the Administrator