

Students Need Teachers to...

- Listen.
- Model openness, trust, cooperation and respect.
- Encourage and support the above traits in students.
- Make information easily available.
- Respect the intelligence of everyone at all times.
- Value students' fears and problems as genuine.
- Talk from the heart.
- Affirm students' feelings even if you don't understand or approve of them.
- Provide options and encourage students to come up with their own choices.
- Avoid criticism — adult to teen, teen to adult, and teen to teen.
- Allow students to change at their own speed.
- Avoid judging, lecturing, attitudes of disrespect, or the attitude that a teen is always wrong or at fault.
- Acknowledge that students (and teachers) are doing the best they can given the information they possess and the thinking they have been allowed to do.
- Be prepared with resources if students request or need them, but hold back from rescuing them.