



# Four Main Attributes of Empathetic Teaching

Integrating these practices into your teaching can show students that you see what they're going through.

### 1. Perspective Taking

When you take a different perspective, you put aside your own feelings and reactions to see the situation through your students' eyes.

Ask yourself: Do I believe my students are doing the very best they can?

#### 2. Putting Aside Judgment

It's easy to jump to and express conclusions about the situation based on what you see.

Ask yourself: What more do I need to learn and understand about the situation?

# 3. Trying to Understand the Student's Feelings

Tap into your own experiences to find a way to understand what the student is feeling.

Ask yourself: What more do I need to learn and understand about how other people are reacting to or perceiving the situation?

## 4. Communicate that You Understand

Use reflective phrases like, "It sounds like you..." or "I hear that you...." Try to build long-term trust with students and help students learn to solve problems with you, and eventually try to solve issues on their own.

Ask yourself: What more do I need to learn and understand about how I react in the moment? What more do I need to learn about how I communicate to others that I hear them, even though I am experiencing my own emotions?