



# Professional & Academic Relationship Building

Strong tutoring starts with empathy, clarity, consistency, and purpose. When students feel respected and supported, engagement and academic growth follow. Strong relationships are built through consistency, respect, and clear boundaries—not through being overly personal or permissive.

## Elementary School

**Build Trust through warmth, consistency and encouragement.**

**Learn and correctly pronounce students' names.**

**Show interest in students' ideas and work.**

**Be consistent with routines and expectations.**

**Use positive reinforcement generously and authentically.**

**Model curiosity and a love of learning.**

## Middle School

**Balance warmth with clear boundaries.**

**Tutors build strong relationships, encourage Balance warmth with clear boundaries.**

**Listen actively without judgment.**

**Follow through on expectations consistently.**

**Encourage student voice and participation.**

**Maintain professionalism even during challenging moments.**

## High School

**Treat students as capable, independent learners.**

**Treat students with respect and maturity.**

**Be reliable and prepared for every session.**

**Keep interactions academic-focused and appropriate.**

**Encourage self-advocacy and goal setting.**

**Maintain clear professional boundaries at all times.**