

ENCOURAGING VOICE AND CHOICE IN THE CLASSROOM

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In early childhood education, educators often face the challenge of balancing following children's leads and sticking to the classroom schedule. This resource aims to help educators navigate this balance and show regard for student perspectives.

+ Understanding the Tension:

Educators often feel the tension between following children's leads and sticking to the classroom schedule. While schedules are important for structure, flexibility is crucial for allowing children to explore and learn according to their interests and needs.

+ Creating a Balanced Approach:

Striking a balance involves intentional reflection and consideration of how to give children ownership of their learning journey. This means providing opportunities for choice, expression, and autonomy while meeting essential learning goals.

+ The Power of Regard for Student Perspectives:

Regard for Student Perspectives is about valuing and honoring children's unique thoughts, ideas, and choices. It involves creating a classroom environment where children feel heard, respected, and empowered to take an active role in their learning.

+ Building Strong Relationships:

A key component of Regard for Student Perspectives is building strong relationships with children. When children feel connected to their educators and peers, they are more likely to engage in learning and take academic risks.

+ Practical Strategies:

Educators can promote Regard for Student Perspectives by allowing movement and physical expression, encouraging dialogue and collaboration, and providing opportunities for choice and autonomy in learning activities.

Balancing student perspectives in the classroom is an ongoing process that requires intentional effort and reflection. By prioritizing regard for student perspectives and creating a learning environment that values children's voices and choices, educators can enhance engagement, learning, and overall classroom dynamics.

To listen to this episode and read the transcript, visit <https://info.teachstone.com/blog/encouraging-voice-and-choice-in-the-classroom>



FOMENTANDO LA VOZ Y LA ELECCIÓN EN EL AULA

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En la educación de la primera infancia, los educadores a menudo enfrentan el desafío de equilibrar el seguimiento de las indicaciones de los niños y el cumplimiento del horario de clase. Este recurso tiene como objetivo ayudar a los educadores a navegar por este equilibrio y mostrar consideración por las perspectivas de los estudiantes.

+ Entendiendo la Tensión::

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+ Crear un Enfoque Equilibrado:

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+ El Poder de Tener en Cuenta las Perspectivas de los Estudiantes:

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