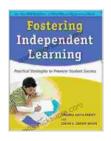
### Practical Strategies To Promote Student Success: The Guilford Practical

Every student deserves the opportunity to succeed in school. However, for various reasons that could be personal or societal, some students struggle and fall behind, especially in a class with a lot of students. This can be frustrating for both the student and the teacher. As a teacher, it is important to have a variety of strategies in place to help all students succeed. This article will discuss some practical strategies that can be used to promote student success.

#### 1. Build Relationships

One of the most important things a teacher can do is to build relationships with their students. This means getting to know each student as an individual, understanding their strengths and weaknesses, and being supportive and encouraging. When students feel connected to their teacher, they are more likely to be engaged in learning and to succeed in school.



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There are many ways to build relationships with students. Some simple things you can do include:

- Greet students at the door each day.
- Take time to talk to students about their interests and hobbies.
- Be available to help students with their work outside of class.
- Attend school events and activities to show your support for students.
- Celebrate students' successes, both big and small.
- Be there for students when they need someone to talk to.

#### 2. Establish Clear Expectations

Students need to know what is expected of them in order to succeed. This means having clear rules and procedures in place, as well as a well-defined curriculum. When students know what is expected of them, they are more likely to be successful.

Here are some tips for establishing clear expectations:

- Create a syllabus that outlines the course expectations, grading policies, and schedule.
- Post rules and procedures in the classroom and review them with students.
- Break down assignments into smaller, more manageable steps.

- Provide students with feedback on their work so they know what they need to improve.
- Set high expectations for all students and believe that they can achieve them.

#### 3. Provide Differentiated Instruction

Not all students learn the same way. Some students may need more support than others, while some students may be ready for more challenging work. Differentiated instruction is a way of teaching that meets the needs of individual students. This can be done by:

- Using a variety of teaching methods, such as direct instruction, smallgroup work, and independent learning.
- Providing students with different levels of support, such as scaffolding or guided notes.
- Adjusting the pace of instruction to meet the needs of individual students.
- Providing students with choices in their learning, such as allowing them to choose projects or activities.

#### 4. Use Technology

Technology can be a powerful tool for promoting student success. There are many different ways to use technology in the classroom, such as:

- Using interactive whiteboards or projectors to present lessons.
- Using computers for research and writing.

- Using educational software and games to reinforce learning.
- Using social media to connect with students and parents.
- Using online resources to provide students with additional support.

#### 5. Involve Parents

Parents play a vital role in their children's education. When parents are involved in their children's learning, students are more likely to succeed in school. There are many ways to involve parents, such as:

- Communicating regularly with parents about their child's progress.
- Inviting parents to school events and activities.
- Providing parents with opportunities to volunteer in the classroom.
- Encouraging parents to help their children with their homework.
- Keeping parents informed about school policies and procedures.

#### 6. Create a Positive and Supportive Learning Environment

Students are more likely to succeed in school when they feel supported and encouraged. This means creating a positive and supportive learning environment where students feel safe, respected, and valued. Some ways to create a positive learning environment include:

- Praising students for their effort and accomplishments.
- Providing students with opportunities to succeed.
- Treating students with respect.
- Creating a classroom culture that is based on trust and cooperation.

Providing students with access to resources and support services.

#### 7. Be Patient

Not all students learn at the same pace. Some students may need more time and support to succeed. It is important to be patient with students and to provide them with the support they need to reach their full potential.

Here are some tips for being patient with students:

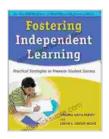
- Set realistic expectations for students.
- Break down tasks into smaller, more manageable steps.
- Provide students with extra support when they need it.
- Avoid comparing students to each other.
- Celebrate students' successes, no matter how small.

#### 8. Seek Professional Development

As a teacher, it is important to continue to learn and grow. This means seeking out professional development opportunities to improve your teaching skills and knowledge. There are many different ways to seek professional development, such as:

- Attending workshops and conferences.
- Taking courses.
- Reading professional journals and books.
- Collaborating with other teachers.
- Mentoring new teachers.

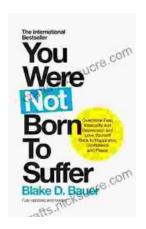
There are many different strategies that can be used to promote student success. The key is to find what works best for you and your students. By implementing some of the strategies discussed in this article, you can create a positive and supportive learning environment where all students can succeed.



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