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THE ADULT IN THE ROOM: UNDERSTANDING YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO YOUR STUDENTS

Instructor

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Materials

Video modules, Handouts, Transcripts, MP3 Files, PDF of Powerpoint Slides, Completion Certificate

Course length

5 modules
35 minutes of video
1 credit hour

Course Description

How do we build or rebuild relationships in the classroom? Well, first, you must understand the difference between your relationship with your students and your relationship to your students. Once you understand the difference between those two relationships, you can construct a professional working relationship in your classroom. At the end of this course, you'll have a better understanding of the different relationships between you and your students and why establishing a healthy professional relationship is best for everyone concerned.

About the Instructor

Matt Webster is a Theatre Educator who has been teaching theatre students AND theatre teachers for almost 30 years. A former tenured professor of Theatre Education, Matt holds both an MA in Theatre Education and an MFA in Theatre for Youth and has taught at universities, public schools and professional theatre companies around the country. Currently Matt is the Education Consultant for the Drama Teacher Academy, and an adjunct professor at Winthrop University.

In addition, Matt is a director, actor and educator who has worked with both children and adults for professional and community theatre companies from coast to coast, including Honolulu Theatre for Youth, Seattle Children's Theatre, the Silver Bear Theatre in Albuquerque, Actors Theatre of Charlotte, Theatre Charlotte, Davidson Community Players, Mooresville Community Children's Theatre, Matthews Playhouse and Children's Theatre of Charlotte.

Matt is also the author of the book *Methods of Teaching Theatre - A Teacher Toolkit*, and is an award-winning, published playwright.

Course Curriculum

Module 0: Introduction 6:29

The first module sets out the objectives for the course, and introduces the structure and module progression.

Module 1: Your Relationship to Your Students 6:12

Module One covers your relationship to your students, and how that sets the tone in the classroom.

Module 2: Setting Boundaries 7:53

This module covers the importance of setting and maintaining professional boundaries with your students.

Module 3: Building Positive Relationships 8:43

This module covers the steps to build a positive relationship with your students.

Module 4: Effective Discipline 5:47

This final module discusses how established professional and personal relationships are key components to effective discipline in the drama classroom.

Standards Connections