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Essential Connection Skills is a practical, specific, inspirational, and must-have resource for any teacher, coach, school leader, or parent who aims for a more empowered and successful student.

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Essential Connection Skills, K-6

Strategies for Integrating Social Connections Into Core Content

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Do your students struggle with low boredom tolerance, lack the confidence and skills needed in social interactions, or find it hard to collaborate? Are you seeing more behavioral disruptions, a wider range of learning challenges, and increased absenteeism? Today's classrooms need to move beyond traditional teaching methods; they need strategies that will re-engage students and build on meaningful connections.

Essential Connection Skills offers practical solutions to help educators reignite the joy of learning through purposeful, reflective interactions. These strategies empower students to build connections, embrace multiple perspectives, and develop the social and academic tools necessary for success. Inside you'll find:

Key features include:

- · Chapter-by-chapter resources and techniques
- Assessment recommendations
- Targeted strategies for culturally and linguistically diverse students
- Techniques to help students develop self-reflection skills

By cultivating authentic engagement, **Essential Connection Skills** restores a sense of community and purpose in classrooms and empowers students with the lifelong skills they'll need to succeed.