

7 Strategies to Help Students Adopt a Growth Mindset in Your Writing Course

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Give students more practice, and grade less.

Offer students more low-stakes opportunities to struggle, fail, and grow without the fear of a stigmatizing grade.



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Talk about growth mindsets.

Discuss the concept of fixed vs. growth mindsets: what they are and how they can affect academic performance.



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Explain your expectations, methods, and motivations.

Communicate your high expectations, while letting students know that you're confident they can succeed and you're here to help.



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Share your growth story.

Tell students about your struggles and mistakes, and how you learned from them.



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Show students that even experienced writers struggle.

Give students a glimpse into your own writing process, showing them it takes time and effort to improve.



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Frame feedback in terms of growth.

Embrace the "power of yet" and praise process and improvement, not just results.



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Offer chances for self-reflection.

Give students opportunities to look back on their own learning.



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